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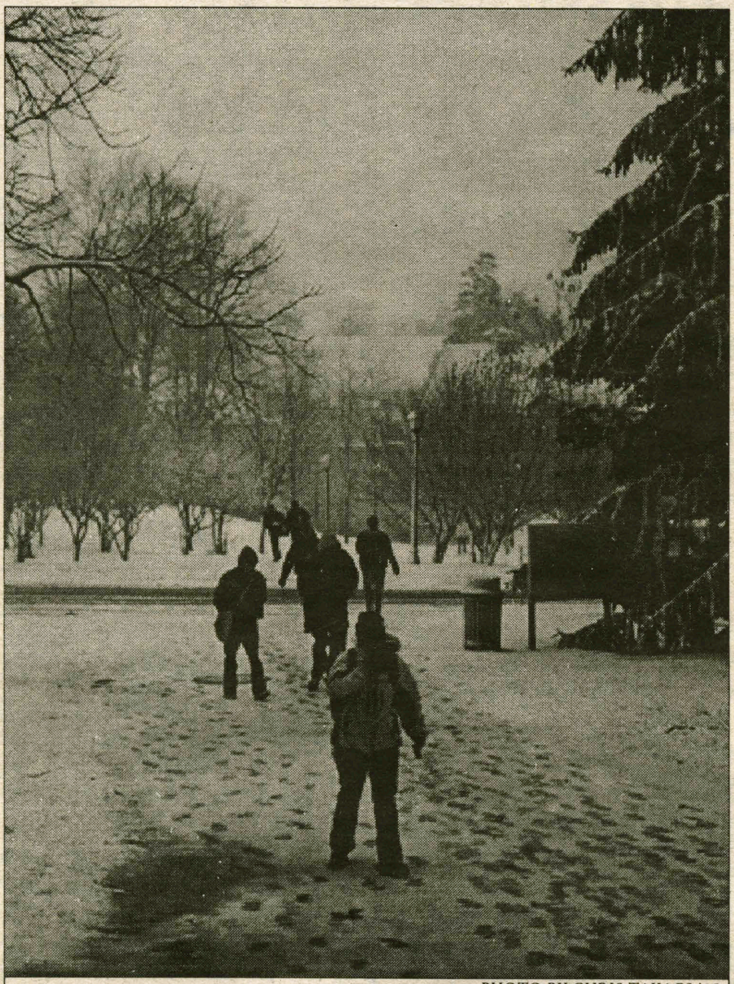

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Students struggle against high winds and significant snowfall, Thursday, in the first storm of the year. Inclement weather was responsible for the cancellation of at least one off-campus event.

Rash of car break-ins brings security issues to forefront

by Jon Kuhl '06
MANAGING EDITOR

There have been five to six student vehicles broken into while parked in the North parking lot over the past several weeks. While careful not to give away any vital information, Campus Safety Evening Supervisor, Wayne Gentile, indicated that some possible suspects have been identified through a joint effort with the Kirkland Police Department.

The culprits, who are believed to be from outside the Hamilton campus, have been breaking into vehicles with the intent of stealing stereos.

Gentile commented that "five to six cars have been randomly hit," where the perpetrators have smashed the vehicles' windows and then taken all that they could.

Josh Newman '06, was one of several students who had his car stereo stolen.

"I left my car last Sunday night in North Lot. This Thursday I received a message from Campus Safety saying that my car was broken into," Newman said. "The stereo had been completely taken, the dash board was trashed, and the electrical system was completely destroyed." Newman's 1993 Honda Civic was also broken into last year while parked in North Lot.

Chris Sessa '06, whose 1998 Lincoln Navigator was also recently broken into, lost $3,000 worth of stereo and DVD equipment.

Sessa, whose SUV has also been broken into twice, holds Hamilton responsible: "It's ridiculous that the school is not protecting the cars where they ask us to park them."

Of the cases so far, Campus Safety has tended to discover the robberies. Upon finding the vandalism, Campus Safety contacts the student owners and then the Kirkland Police Department.

According to Gentile, Hamilton hasn't been the only college experiencing a recent wave of car break-ins. Locally, Utica College and Herkimer County Community College have also experienced

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Faculty panel discusses merits of war with Iraq

by Lindsay Sorin '07
NEWS WRITER

The Hamilton College Government Department and the Hamilton College Republicans co-sponsored a Faculty Panel discussion on Post-War Iraq this past Monday, November 10. The panel featured Hamilton College professors of Government Alan Cafruny and Carlos Yordan, experts in international relations. They were joined by Cornell professor of Government Jeremy Rabkin, a specialist in, among other things, American politics and administrative procedure.

For almost two hours, the Chapel was filled with students and faculty eagerly and intensely debating topics ranging from possible U.S. violations of international law, to evolving U.S. - United Nations relations and the post-war reconstruction process.

Each panelist was given a brief period of time to present his views. Cafruny spoke first, discussing the motives and origins of the Bush-sponsored invasion of Iraq and the current United States predicament, including issues of international support and U.S. relations with other nations. He explained that, at the outset, the motives for preemptive war with Iraq were purported to be Iraq's involvement in international terrorism, including links to Al Qaeda, and an imminent danger posed by Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction.

Cafruny also analyzed President Bush's foreign policy in seeking support for the preemptive war. He outlined original rationales presented by the administration for the war, emphasizing that they have all been disproved. Accordingly, President Bush now defends the war based on a desire to democratize Iraq and the Middle East. International participation in the rebuilding of Iraq is a key element in current international relations. Cafruny noted that many European nations, but most notably France and Germany, are currently experiencing deep economic crises that constrain the amount of help, whether military or financial assistance, that can be provided to the U.S.

Cafruny asserted that the United States' decision to strike Iraq and the susequent rebuilding of that nation are sources of continuing friction between the United States and several of its European allies. He concluded that a cooperative effort between the United States and those allies is still possible if the Bush administration incorporates France, Germany, Russia and the United Nations in the process.

Next to speak was pro-

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Maines adresses double standards of sexuality

by Greta Rosenberger '07
NEWS WRITER

Rachel Maines gave a lecture on Tuesday entitled "Vibrators and Viagra: The Double Standard" as part of the 2003-2004 Kirkland Project series on Technology, Science, and Democracy. The Kirkland Project's mission is the examination of social justice issues such as race, class, gender and sexuality.

Maines' lecture, cosponsored by the departments of psychology and women's studies and the Faculty for Women's Concerns, focused on gender and sex, revealing issues and facts involved in the development of the vibrator and its introduction into society throughout the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Project representative Robin Vanderwall opened the lecture with comments explaining Maines' link to the series' themes. She posed questions such as, "Who has access to and can benefit from technology?," "How can we use technology for social justice?," and "How can we strike a balance in the relationship between science and democracy?"

Maines, this year's recipient of the Herbert Feis Prize from the American Historical Association for her 1999 book, *The Technology of Orgasm: Hysteria, the Vibrator, and Women's Sexual Satisfaction*, has a Ph.D in applied history from Carnegie Mellon University.

Upon taking the stage, she immediately had the audience

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Rachel Maines spoke about the double standards of sexuality to a large group of faculty and students.

laughing. While claiming that she enjoys doing the "dirty work" of history, she soon dispelled any false illusions about her provocatively titled lecture and advised anyone who had ideas of clothes coming off during her

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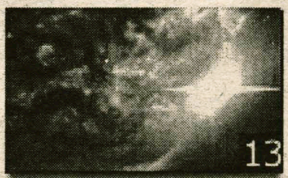

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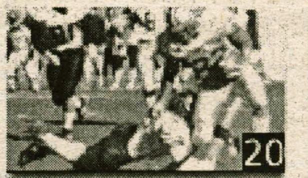

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Tewksbury inducted as next president of AGI

by Paxton Ramsdell '07
NEWS WRITER

Barbara Tewksbury, the Stephen Harper Kirner Chair of Science and chair of the department of geology, was inducted by the The American Geological Institute (AGI) as its president at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Seattle.

"Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources and interaction with the environment," the Hamilton website proclaims. "AGI has worked very hard over the years to select presidents from a wide range of backgrounds and member societies. Recent presidents have come from the petroleum industry, environmental consulting, and state geological surveys."

Tewksbury believes that AGI's new emphasis on the field of geoscience education helped bring about her nomination to presidency.

President Tewksbury will hold the office of president for one year and will then serve as AGI Past President.

According to Tewksbury, her objective will be to "foster intersociety collaboration among AGI member societies on issues of interest to the societies and represent the geosciences in outreach efforts."

"Tewksbury was named New York State Professor of the Year in 1997 by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Earlier this year, she received the Neil Miner Award for exceptional contributions to the stimulation of interest in the Earth sciences from the National Association of Geoscience Teachers. Tewksbury's introductory geology course, Geology and Development of Modern Africa, was selected in 2002 as one of four introductory science courses to be disseminated nationally by the SENCER program of the American Association of Colleges and Universities," the Hamilton website boasts.

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Professor Barbara Tewksbury, new AGI president.

Tewksbury, who teaches courses in structural geology, plate tectonics, and planetary geology, as well as field courses in Iceland, Hawaii and Colorado, does not foresee any major effects of this new position on her teaching ability and class schedule.

"I don't anticipate it will affect my teaching significantly, although I may travel a bit more than usual. AGI has an Executive Director that manages the day to day activities of the Institute," Tewksbury said.

Tewksbury is certainly accomplished enough to handle this new responsibility.

According to the Hamilton website, she has served as a "member of several of the Institute's committees, including the EarthComm Advisory Committee and the Nominating Committee. She has participated in various committees of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers and served as its president from 1996-1997. Between 1991 and 1994, Tewksbury was president of the Geology Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research. She is currently chair of the Annual Program Committee and a member of the Professional Development Committee of the Geological Society of America. Tewksbury earned her bachelor's degree from St. Lawrence University and her master's and Ph.D. from the University of Colorado."

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of forty-one scientific and professional associations that represent more than 100,000 geologists, geophysicists, and other earth scientists.

Cameras being considered as deterrent to car vandalism

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similar events.

Working to end the vandalism, Gentile said, "additional patrols are all we can do right now."

Currently, Campus Safety patrols North Lot every half hour to forty-five minutes. Although catching someone is pretty much a "hit or miss" situation, on last Thursday evening, an unmarked car was spotted.

Commenting on the current security precautions, Newman feels the "lighting is sufficient and that Campus Safety does a good job," but that he is "writing and talking to President Stewart about getting cameras put in."

According to Gentile, the College has been considering installing video cameras in the parking lot for "a couple of years," but so far no action has been taken. Although there is currently no time frame for installing cameras, Gentile did say that people will be visiting the College next week to discuss the options available.

With the rising number of car break-ins, Gentile asks that if you have any tips, or see anything suspicious in the parking lots, to please call the Campus Safety.

Having experienced car break-ins two years in a row, Newman ended, saying, "I'm really tired of this."

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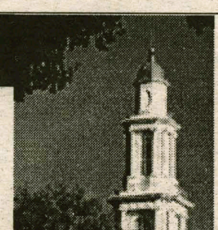

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Dan Bleeker '06

Study: High-Schoolers Lighting Up Less

ATLANTA, Georgia (AP) — Smoking among U.S. high school students has declined by nearly one-fifth since 2000 but has not budged among middle-schoolers, according to a study released Thursday.

Nearly one out of four high school students, 23 percent, said they had smoked tobacco in the preceding month — a drop from 28 percent the last time the survey was conducted, two years earlier.

About 13 percent of middle school students said they had smoked, about the same as in the previous survey.

The spring 2002 survey questioned 26,119 students at 246 schools. The survey is conducted every two years by the Washington-based American Legacy Foundation, which is funded by the nationwide tobacco settlement.

"The reason it has gone down is a combination of factors, from the increase in cigarette prices to the passage of more smoke-free laws and policies," said Cheryl Healton, president of the foundation.

"Among middle-schoolers, they tend to be experimenters and not daily smokers yet."

Healton also credited anti-tobacco advertising campaigns with discouraging teenagers from smoking. She said more effective efforts may be needed to reach students in grades six through eight.

University Loses Journalism Funding

HAMPTON, Virginia (AP) — A prestigious journalism organization canceled a $55,000 grant to Hampton University after the school's administration confiscated the student newspaper for not running an item on the front page where the administration wanted it.

The American Society of Newspaper Editors had intended to provide funds for a 2004 summer training program for high school journalism teachers at the university's new Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications.

But the society voiced doubts after the university's actions last month. Tuesday, it sent a clear message by declining to hand over the money.

"We're an organization that is devoted to the interests of newspapers and is devoted to the First Amendment and everything it stands for in our society," said ASNE President Peter Bhatia, also executive editor of The Oregonian in Portland, Oregon.

"And the actions that Dr. (JoAnn) Haysbert took fly in the face of that."

University representatives did not immediately return phone calls Wednesday.

According to student journalists, the university confiscated the Octover 22 issue of the Hampton Script becuase a latter from Haysbert, the acting university President, didn't make the front page, as requested.

Northwestern Students Protest Graffiti

EVANSTON, Illinois (AP) — Students upset by a spate of hateful graffiti on walls at Northwestern University protested Tuesday by wearing black and refusing to speak during classes.

Several student groups organized the demonstration in response to writings and drawings that have included swastikas, an anti-Semitic phrase, racial slurs and a depiction of a lynching.

The graffiti began appearing last spring and continued into last weekend.

Minority students were asked to participate in the protest, but all students were asked to wear black and attend a rally Wednesday on the 17,000-student campus north of Chicago.

University spokesman Alan Cubbage said police are investigating the graffiti but have no leads.

There is a $2,500 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of anyone involved.

University president Henry Bienen sent an e-mail to all students and faculty.

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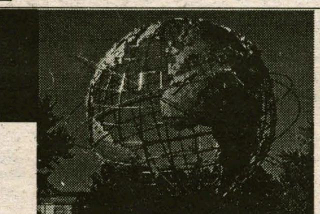

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Saudi Bombing Builds Move for Democracy

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The bombing that killed 17 people in the Saudi capital is intensifying pressure for democratic reform in Saudi Arabia, and is likely to undercut the militants' support among Arabs who previously sympathized to some degree with their goals.

While some have rejoiced over Saturday's suicide car bombing, many in the Arab world are shocked that it targeted Arabs and Muslims.

The bombing - the work of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network, according to U.S. and Saudi officials - hit a housing compound in Riyadh that the attackers must have known houses Arab families. As a result, said Saudi political analyst Dawood al-Shirian, many Saudis who felt some sympathy for bin Laden or even saw justification for the Sept. 11 attacks are now beginning to question his goals.

"When they see the images of dead children, when they see the images of a dead mother, if one of their own dies, they will turn away from the militants," said al-Shirian. "That's what will isolate the militants."

On the streets of the capital one evening this week, after breaking their daily Ramadan fast, some Muslims expressed fear such attacks would sully Islam or encourage its enemies.

Palestinians, Israelis Prepare for Summit

JERUSALEM (AP) — Looking ahead for the first time after months of impasse, the Israeli and Palestinian prime ministers on Thursday prepared for a summit, possibly within days.

Despite conciliatory statements, however,expectations are low that the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan can be revived. Neither side appears closer to making concessions - a crackdown on militant groups by the Palestinians, a removal of dozens of settlement outposts by Israel.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia convened his Cabinet for the first time Thursday, a day after it was sworn in following two months of political wrangling.

With a government finally in place, Qureia can focus on his priorities. He first wants to persuade militant groups to halt attacks on Israelis and then get Israel to agree to a truce, including a stop to military strikes in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Serbia Unplugs Parliament, Calls for Vote

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro (AP) — Serbia dissolved its parliament and announced early elections Thursday, signaling the collapse of the government three years after the ouster of Slobodan Milosevic.

The pro-democracy coalition that came to power in 2000 has nearly unraveled, forcing Prime Minister Zoran Zivkovic to agree - under pressure from political defectors and Milosevic supporters - to set a new parliamentary vote for Dec. 28, a year ahead of schedule.

The decision was officially announced by parliamentary speaker and acting president, Natasa Micic, who also dissolved the existing, 250-seat assembly.

"For the work ahead, we need a stable Serbia. Unfortunately, we do not have that at the moment," Micic said, expressing hope that the vote will "help restore wisdom and harmony."

Promises by the post-Milosevic leadership to usher in an economic recovery, increase living standards and root out corruption have been only partly fulfilled. Prices have soared and labor unrest has spread.

Zivkovic's Cabinet has struggled against dwindling support in the parliament, where one-time allies have teamed up with ultranationalists, conservatives and Milosevic's Socialists in a bid to unseat the government.

Zivkovic finally agreed to risk elections after his opponents threatened to hold a vote of confidence on the government. Over the past weeks of parliamentary debate, the opposition has accused the government of incompetence and rampant corruption.

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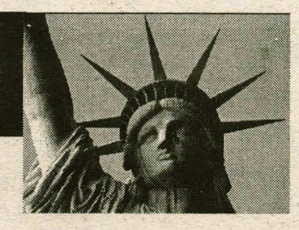

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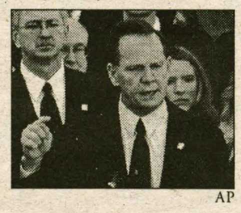
Ten Commandments Judge Thrown Off Bench

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, who became a hero to religious conservatives for refusing to remove his granite Ten Commandments monument from the state courthouse, was thrown off the bench Thursday by a judicial ethics panel for having "placed himself above the law."



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"I have absolutely no regrets. I have done what I was sworn to do," Moore declared afterward, drawing applause from dozens of supporters at the courthouse. "It's about whether or not you can acknowledge God as a source of our law and our liberty. That's all I've done."

The nine members of the Court of the Judiciary handed out the harshest penalty possible, saying Moore left them with no choice by repeatedly insisting he would never obey a federal judge's order to move the 2 1/2-ton block of granite from the courthouse rotunda.

"Anything short of removal would only serve to set up another confrontation that would ultimately bring us back to where we are today," the panel said.

Moore spent eight months designing the monument and helped move it into the building one night in 2001. He soon became a lightning rod for criticism from civil-liberties activists who said the stone tablets promoted religion in violation of the separation of church and state.

A federal judge ordered the monument removed, and it was finally wheeled away Aug. 27 to a storage room on instructions from Moore's eight fellow justices.

U.S. to Seek Iraqi Elections in Mid-2004

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under pressure from Baghdad and U.S. allies, the Bush administration is rewriting its political plan for Iraq to speed the transfer of power with elections in the first half of next year and formation of a new government before a constitution is written, officials said Thursday.

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said it was necessary to give Iraqis control more quickly because "they are clamoring for it; they are, we believe, ready for it."

Armed with new instructions from President Bush, L. Paul Bremer, the U.S. administrator in Iraq, flew back to Baghdad to seek a consensus with the Iraqi Governing Council about creating an interim government. The White House change of strategy not only accommodates Iraqi demands for power but also gives Bush the prospect of drawing down American troop levels before next year's elections. It also comes in the face of criticism from abroad that Washington was moving too slowly to hand over authority.

"We want the Iraqis to be more involved in the governance of their country," the president said in a brief exchange with reporters in the Oval Office.

Jurors Set to Consider Muhammad's Case

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — The jury in John Allen Muhammad's murder trial got the case Thursday after the prosecutor said during closing arguments that Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo formed "a sniper-spotter killing team" with Muhammad as the "captain."

The jury of 11 whites and one black was to begin deliberating Friday morning.

Meanwhile, Malvo's lawyer - delivering his opening statement at Malvo's trial 15 miles away in Chesapeake - said Muhammad turned Malvo into a "child soldier," brainwashing him into thinking that the killings were "designed to achieve a greater good of a fairer and righteous society."

At Muhammad's trial, prosecutor Richard Conway forcefully countered the defense's central argument - that Muhammad cannot get the death penalty because the evidence points to Malvo as the triggerman in the sniper attacks. Conway portrayed Muhammad as playing a vital role.

"We have a sniper-spotter killing team, taking out innocent people," the prosecutor told the jury. Pointing at Muhammad, he said: "Who do you think was the captain of this killing team? He's sitting right in front of you."

Maines: first electric vibrator invented in 1883

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talk to leave. She then made a quick sales pitch for her book, noting the fast approach of the holiday season.

Maines ascribed the beginning of her interest in sexual devices to thumbing through old needlepoint magazines, such as *Woman's Home Companion*, (from the late 1800's) and seeing ads for vibrators that were not specifically advertised for sexual purposes, but promised "thrilling sensations of pleasure."

Interested to know why there was such a demand for this product, Maines decided to do some research. What she discovered led to her fascination with the historical and social context of the introduction of this device into society and its social and moral implications. After doing extensive historical research on the topic, she was contacted by a doctor in Switzerland who had invented the electric toothbrush and, wanting to expand its benefits into the world of sexual gratification, also invented the "Eroscillator," a name that reveals the device's main purpose.

The doctor told Maines that he had tried to buy advertising in the United States to sell this new product and decided to appeal to the magazines that carried ads for Viagra, assuming they were aimed at the audiences he needed to target; however, no agency would take his offer.

Explaining why he believed the magazines had turned him down, the doctor told Maines, "Viagra is so a man can have sex with a woman, but a vibrator's purpose is so that a woman can have sex with herself, and we can't endorse that."

This spurred Maines' research into the double standards involved in the pursuit of sexual satisfaction. Finding the legal definition of sex, "the penetration of the penis in the vagina to the point of male orgasm" to be extremely chauvinistic also inspired Maines' investigations into the issue of sexual double standards. Because this definition represents an incredibly narrow and homophobic view of what constitutes sex, it renders the female orgasm completely irrelevant. Maines found this to be not only a double standard, but a compromise in justice.

Maines provided a colorful chronology of the advances made in the development of the vibrator, a device that would provide the female with the gratification she may be missing while dutifully staying within the legal boundaries of sex.

The common diagnosis for a woman lacking sexual satisfaction in the 1880's was "hysteria," a word literally translated as "womb-fury." The medical theory for hysteria was that unsatisfied women experienced extreme tension resulting from an accumulation of fluids that needed to be flushed out by methods of "hysterical paroxysms." Doctors of this time period were trained and instructed to perform "vulvular massages" in order for the female to achieve this paroxysm and, as would be expected, consequently feel better.

Unfortunately for the doctors, some women needed a long visit to attain this goal, and the task was not among their favorite procedures. Furthermore, the affliction was chronic, fortunately for women, as Maines said, and required repeated treatments.

Much to the doctors' delight, Joseph Granville invented the first electric vibrator in 1883. Maines notes the importance this device must have had by pointing out that it was the fifth electrical appliance to be introduced into the home, following the sewing machine, the fan, the tea kettle and the toaster.

As Maines said, "Woman cannot live by toast alone."

The slides Maines presented of the first variations and methods of using this device showed the early technology's almost ridiculous awkwardness. The use of one apparatus, the "hydriatic douche," was preluded by the patients being wrapped in and flogged with wet towels in order to get their circulation moving. Another slide depicted a torturous-looking instrument complete with a forty-pound wet-cell battery. Maines' personal favorite, the "Chattanooga Vibrator," stood over five feet tall and cost $200 at a time when you could buy a small house for $300.

Maines attributed the disappearance of advertisements for these mechanisms to the government's gradual realization that they were not intended for purposes as innocent as they proclaimed. Accompanying this was the introduction of pornography and the role of the vibrator as a sexual toy. Soon the sale of vibrators had been outlawed in several states, among them Mississippi, Georgia, Texas, and Alabama. Maines maintains that the repression of a device that has the potential to sexually gratify a woman is completely unjustified and made even more infuriating by the fact that Viagra is completely accepted. The main goal Maines hopes to achieve through both her lectures and the publishing of her book is simply that men and women will begin to talk about issues involving sexual satisfaction and examine the standards that apply to what constitutes this satisfaction on both sides.

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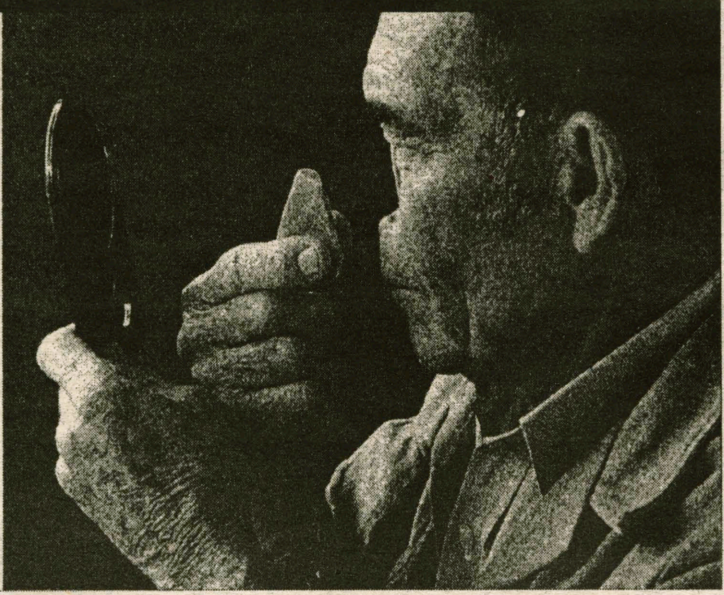

Yordan: lack of post-war consensus will hinder chances of democracy in Iraq

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fessor Yordan, who, like Cafruny, spoke about the controversy surrounding Bush's decision to wage a preemptive war. While agreeing that the war and the imposition of regime change is credible, he noted differences in what was

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Cornell professor Jeremy Rabkin participated in a faculty panel on post-war Iraq.

promised and what has actually occurred. For instance, Yordan claimed that Iraqi citizens were told that the United States would rid the country of their horrific dictator and give the control of the government directly to the Iraqi citizens. Additionally, many Americans were led to believe that the war would be quick and inexpensive. Asserting that neither of these promises have been fulfilled, Yordan cited the creation of a credibility gap for the United States.

Yordan expressed his view that there are too many troops in Iraq, that the United States is trying to address too many issues at once, while recognizing that billions of American tax dollars are being spent in Iraq. He concluded that Bush's policy of preemption is favorable , but the lack of post-war consensus will hinder implementation of a democratic government in Iraq and modernization of the Middle East.

Speaking last, professor Rabkin began his discussion with a thought provoking question: how can we assess if U.S. action makes us better or worse off than if we did nothing at all to topple Saddam Hussein? Rabkin noted that this is an impossible question to answer, as we will never know what would have happened had the United States not invaded Iraq.

"Would the world be any safer with Saddam Hussein in power?" Rabkin asked.

He answered that with a simple "no." Rabkin noted that Hussein was a harsh dictator who destroyed the lives of more of his own citizens than were killed during the U.S.-led war.

Rabkin spoke of the difficulty in controlling terrorism due to the lack of of an identifiable enemy. Terrorism is about deniability, he said. Saddam Hussein, however, was easily identified as a supporter of terrorism when he publicly offered financial assistance to families of suicide bombers attacking Israel.

Rabkin declared that the task of rebuilding Iraq will be virtually unilateral. The French, German and other European governments who took no risk during the war should have no part in contributing to its rebuilding, he said. Since these countries provided no military or financial support for the war effort, he reasoned that they should not be expected to participate in reconstruction. Instead, Rabkin concluded, the United States will need to establish and implement reconstruction plans on its own. He claimed that, with lots of time and even more money, the successful rebuilding of Iraq into a modern, democratic state will surely benefit the Iraqi people and will help ensure a safer world.

Following the panel discussion, members of the audience posed questions to the speakers, sparking lively interaction. Questions regarding the consequences of going to war, including the large number of troops involved, the huge sum of money at stake and the length of time necessary to build democracies in the Middle East, were raised and discussed.

Others questioned whether democracy was even possible in various Middle Eastern countries. Ending terrorism was certainly on the minds of several of those in attendance. Rabkin mentioned that an initial step in ending terrorism is to make terrorists realize that their actions will not allow them to achieve their goals.

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When the college decided to eliminate this requirement, they placed a significant amount of trust on the students' decisions to take a variety of classes. When students arrive here, they are often unsure about prerequisites for other classes, which classes they might find interesting and how to even begin choosing a class. They depend on advisors to help them pick out their first four classes from a catalogue comprised of bewildering possibilities. Furthermore, most students don't come to Hamilton with a set major in mind, and many of those who do end up changing their minds. Instead, their major is shaped by their exposure to many different classes in their first two years here. Without good advisors, the majority of students are unable to fully utilize the resources of a school whose tuition is the fifth highest in the United States.

To this end, Hamilton College has endeavored to create a strong advising program to aid students throughout their college career, but particularly during their first two years. According to the Hamilton College Catalogue, advisors are supposed to guide students in "planning a balanced four-year program" which is "appropriate to their needs." This sounds good in theory, but the program's design ultimately hinders student's choices. During orientation, students meet in a group with their advisor and the other advisees for an introductory meeting. Students then follow up with one or possibly two 15-minute meetings before heading over to the registrar. While it is obviously impossible for an advisor to devote hours of time to each student, the system can be improved without greatly adding to the logistical burden.

The biggest problem is that some advisors do not take their responsibility of getting to know their students seriously. Many advisors do, of course, take their role as an advisor very seriously, and do a tremendous job at it. Getting to know their advisees allows professors to give first-years advice that applies individually, rather than to a generic freshman. New students are only on campus for a few short days before registration, and, let's face it, the advising form that all accepted students fill out in June doesn't really convey a lot of useful information about the student's personality. What would prove useful is an exchange of emails between advisors and pre-freshman over the summer. The advisors wouldn't even have to discuss courses, although this could be a starting point. These emails would allow them to get to know their advisees a little bit before they arrive on campus, allowing students to get the most out of their pre-registration advising session. Something as little as brief correspondence could greatly help the advising program, and allow students to take full advantage of Hamilton College's liberal arts environment.

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Surviving the calm before the storm

by Blake Erb '05
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As winter arrives on our secluded little hill and the semester progresses past the halfway mark, many students, including myself, will start to experience a strange phenomenon. This condition includes procrastination, little to no worrying about class work and a general cocky attitude towards workloads and grades. I like to call this the "calm before the storm."

Finals are still far away in the month of December, and large papers and projects due after the Thanksgiving Break are barely considered in the daily buzz of college life. This is a condition that must be enjoyed to the fullest extent, but feared at the same time.

The "calm before the storm" or "Post-Midterm Letdown Syndrome" is an experience that I have had every semester at Hamilton College. First, one goes through the trials and tribulations that are midterms. Then, despite the fact that term papers, research papers, presentations and other projects are due in the future, one does not consider these obstacles and forces themselves to relax.

Symptoms of this condition include the following: watching the crappy programming MTV provides and actually enjoying it, finding that your body forces you to sleep at least six or seven hours a day no matter how early you set your alarm, taking full advantage of CAB and other student group events, and closely reading all of your all-campus emails and many other things that one ordinarily neglects under the normal stress and frantic pace with which Hamilton College life is normally associated.

This past week I have been hit by a major case of the "calm." Despite entire history books to read, papers to plan, and general academic well being to think about, I am completely unconcerned. I am going to three concerts in the next four days, leaving the potential for productive work sessions very low.

Hell, just this week my friend and I went shopping on a whim and tried on pants together. It was probably the best time I have had in a long, long while. I even tried on this pleather-trimmed, faux denim pair of pants in a really disgusting color. I would have bought them if I were a rock star or something. Anyways, as one can see, work and responsibilities are the last things that are on my mind.

Professors are very adept at seeing and diagnosing this condition, and they vainly attempt to curb the effects. All of my professors (and probably yours as well) are stressing starting your work early, taking papers to the writing center and all that jazz.

This is sound and sage advice, of course. However, I just raise my eyebrows at these esteemed givers of knowledge and give them the proverbial yawn in the face. These are problems and concerns that mere mortals must face. I am a college student in the prime years of my life. I can write 80 pages in a single night if I really need to.

Thus, in regards to all of my assignments, I tell myself the very same thing I have told myself for the past six days, "Ehhh... I'll do it tomorrow." Anyone who knows how to speak "Collegese" knows that tomorrow means next week or maybe even never.

However, this personal Utopia that students create for themselves inevitably comes crashing down. One can easily identify students who are violently awakened from their "calm," suddenly realizing the exact magnitude of the work they must do.

These students madly rush through campus like deprived drug addicts. They mumble to themselves and looking nervously behind them as if their professors may be following them with their hands outstretched for papers that have yet to be written. These students have a deer-in-the-headlights look on their faces that expresses either their urge to sob uncontrollably or laugh hysterically. The difference between the two is not very great.

The effect of coming out of this "calm" should not be surprising. Going from near immortality to being an insignificant student drone is a very disturbing change. It's like the feeling Zeus, the God of Gods and most powerful being in the world, would have if all the mortal girls he was seducing suddenly were like, "Ewww... it's that guy again. Please tell me he's not looking at me." Going from the absolute pinnacle to the bottom of the abyss is an ordeal that every college student will experience.

Many students try to avoid this condition from ever happening to them. Often, college students will start this process of responsibility, but then fail at continuing the necessary practices. You all know the drill... "I'm going to keep everything organized, stay on top of my readings and do my papers early and never let myself get loaded down with work. This semester is going to be awesome!" Yeah, right. We all say something like this to our parents, our friends and ourselves before we begin classes.

However, I know very few people that continue this attitude for more than a week. I fell behind in my readings after the second week of classes, and have done every single paper the night before it was due. It's not that I want to do this; I just can't help it. Not all of us can be like Hermione Granger.

I liken myself to Harry Potter: I am too concerned with the responsibility of saving the world and being loved by strangers across the world, especially female strangers, to keep up with my studies.

As one can see, this attitude of immortality and infallibility that college students exude can be a glorious and relaxing condition. However, one must be careful not to revel in this feeling too long and come to grips with the fact that we are all pretty insignificant in the grand scheme of things. All we can do is to pursue the topics, interests, hobbies and activities we love and try to have a small effect on at least one person.

So next time you feel the "calm before the storm," enjoy it with the knowledge that soon you will feel like huddling in the corner and crying when the burden of your workload becomes too much. You can always tell yourselves this: if things get too rough, "there is always next semester!"

Are we abandoning Hamilton's traditions?

by Matthew Amoroso '05
INSIGHTS AND IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

Today, I do not write to whine, stereotype or judge. I do not write to further divide this campus with self-righteous labels or self-serving complaints. Today, I write about the declining character of Hamilton College. Few things remain on this campus with which students can associate and define themselves as individuals.

What brings us together as a cohesive group on the Hill? Do we identify with each other because we come from the same city, the same economic background, or the same religion? No; instead, we identify ourselves as students of Hamilton College. However, these days, the traditions that make Hamilton College a unique place are slowly being forgotten.

Societies have come under frequent attack in past issues of the Spectator. I am not here to judge the actions of individual societies or the people in those societies; I leave that responsibility to the administration.

Let us step back and assess the forgotten aspects of societies on this campus: association and character. If someone would take the time to ask what values a society is based upon, they will find strange words such as honor, honesty, loyalty, trust, bonds, tradition and integrity. All of the sudden, it seems we have stumbled upon some of the founding values of Hamilton College. These values are not meant to be championed publicly for the attention and approval of the school or the student body. Values such as honesty and loyalty are properly practiced privately and without question or hesitation.

Hence, students are not quick to connect values like these to societies because societies often act outside of the public eye. Values such as these should transcend societies and unite the school, but in 2003 they often do not.

On-campus societies give students something they can identify with. In a time of increased individualism, mass production and commercialism, people can rarely find something good to stand behind. Societies give students a chance to expand their social circle past their freshman quad or sports team.

Without societies, class years would become stratified, and the level of apathy on this campus would increase. Societies and Hamilton values can give students the avenue to be passionate about something on this campus. Perhaps some students may even learn something more about honor and tradition by identifying with a society rather than by signing a required honor code.

Societies often take the blame for destruction, harassment and intoxication. Let me just say that these problems exist on every campus, with or without societies. At schools without societies, they blame campus damage on the sports teams.

I do not intend to gloss over problems caused by societies on this campus nor hide behind lofty values. I only ask that you consider the greater good of association and tradition on this campus rather than simply jumping to ignorant self-serving conclusions about individual societies.

As a student, writing objectively about third-party caterers is virtually impossible. To those who are not familiar with the situation, third party caterers are now required for on campus parties exceeding two hundred people. I am not here to complain because some freshman can't get a drink at a Bundy party. No, caterers take away the individuality of every party.

You can cover the walls with as much corn or decorations as you want or hire a unique band instead of a DJ, but all of these actions will be in vain. Kreg's Kegs will be running your party.

Gone are the days of hosts dressed up at the door or serving you a drink. Some students don't go to these parties just to get drunk. If getting drunk were the only goal, all students would sit at home with a bottle of whisky (some already do).

Most students go to parties for the character and atmosphere of the event. Many do their drinking before they even get to the party. Each party was made unique by the organization running the party, not merely because there is beer present.

Today, students are confused and apathetic when they walk into a party and pay eight dollars for some employee to hand them a drink or stamp their hand. Students are not able to associate with or respect these types of parties; therefore, they become apathetic and look for other avenues of entertainment. Quickly, the decisiôn to drink heavily and unsafely in your room seems like a good idea.

The Kreg's Kegs decision has created an environment that does not eliminate safety issues; instead, it moves them outside of the party, resulting in drunk driving, campus destruction, and damage to property downtown.

To conclude, I am not writing out of despair or outrage about our school. I write with cautious anticipation and excitement. Hamilton is balancing on a cusp right now. On one side lies the bottomless pit of collegiate ambiguity; on the other, there stretches a promising future. Events like Fall Fest, the Posse Plus Retreat, and Al Ham weekend help to give Hamilton a sense of character and solidarity.

Issues such as the invented or revived "Hamilton Cool", the Citrus Bowl controversy, and third party caterers deprive Hamilton of character and a cohesive identity. Events like the Citrus Bowl (throwing hundreds of oranges, not just calling it the Citrus Bowl) made me want to come to this school.

My brother will be visiting colleges this summer. I challenge Hamilton to give him a reason to come here and not apply to Middlebury. Is there even a difference anymore?

So much work... I'm gonna party about it!

by Bill Chenevert '05
INSIGHTS AND IDEAS EDITOR

Hamilton students never get tired of making sure everyone knows how much work they have. It's a hobby I enjoy as much as the next guy. Seriously though, I do have so much work to do. I'm so behind, I have hundreds of pages of reading, a paper to write for blah blah and a mid-term on blah blah blah. OK, now I feel better. My head is in the right place, I know what I have to do, I've got a mental checklist and I'm ready to tackle my assignments. But wait, Rich Girls is on. I haven't seen this one yet.

I love the various ways that Hamilton students, including myself, find ways to procrastinate: Instant Messenger is an art to most Hamilton students (I enjoy concocting the perfect lyrical compilation), Friendster works like a charm, a trip to the diner can last an hour and a half, and last but not least, there's whining to our friends about how much work we have while we party.

There is one place, though, that I feel is not the place to partake in this Hamilton pastime: Burke Library. You're there to do work, so actually do it and stop babbling about all these assignments that you're swamped with.

I won't say that these assignments are not challenging, because they are. I often wonder what's going on in our professors' minds when they're coming up with those syllabi. Do they actually think I'm going to read that whole book this weekend?! Right. The first two parts of the novel? When was the last time you looked at the table of contents to see that that's 130 pages!? Oh well, I'll go to the library and complain to everyone I know well enough to talk to.

This trend is reflected in library traffic. Phil Gisondi, a Circulation Assistant at Burke, who has worked here for four and a half years, noticed that "Sunday and Monday nights [are the heaviest] because they've been partying since Thursday." True. Most likely, we were talking about how screwed we were work-wise while we partied on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

However, he does concede that the academic rigor here is "very challenging." Krista Siniscarco, a Multimedia Assistant, confirmed Phil's traffic observations, saying "This lab is pretty packed Monday through Wednesday evenings," describing traffic in the first floor computer lab.

Kimblie Silva '04, a student worker at Burke, said, "People come to the library to do work, and are so easily distracted when they see people they know - I hear so many conversations in front of this desk about 'I have so much work to do' or 'I'm so behind.'"

Reference librarian Anne Nassar painted a prettier picture, "I've worked at another college [Cazenovia], and I've been amazed at how students grasp what they're supposed to be doing." She also noted, "For a school this size, I think we have a really great collection - people don't realize how lucky they are."

I agree, Burke's pretty nasty; I've been nothing but pleased. Celine Geiger concurs, "I love the library and sometimes I'm really productive there. I go there mostly to print stuff out."

Celine brings up a good point. The printing services are so sweet. I've seen schools where you have to pay per page to print articles and reserves. We are lucky. So with a good study facility and lots of people selling their Adderall and Ritalin prescriptions we should be fine, right? Straight As and Bs across the board.

The use of study aid drugs at Hamilton is widespread and frightening. Senior Dan Fiore, a Psychology major writing his thesis on the impact of ADHD on college friendships, added that the abuse habits are "pretty extreme, especially around mid-terms and finals time. People you wouldn't expect to abuse any drugs come looking for Ritalin."

I'm planning to cover this issue more thoroughly in a future issue, but it is safe to say that at Hamilton we struggle to overcome our mountains of work. Along the way, we watch mindless TV, whine in the library, linger in the diner, and abuse prescription drugs. Oh, Hamilton, you're so special.

Jitney Confessions

by Avery Schlicher '05
INSIGHTS AND IDEAS COLUMNIST

Driving the Jitney on Family Weekend is like receiving a personalized invitation to witness all possible bizarre occurrences. Parents on the Jitney act in two ways: A, They are wasted and chatting away with the equally, if not less, inebriated students aboard, or B, They are stone cold sober, forcing the drunk students to make every attempt to at least appear sober. You don't want to make a fool of yourself in front of Billy's hot mom, now do you?

Parents, being older and wiser, are a plethora of vital information for life. Stir in a little alcohol, and the advice giving takes a sharp turn down the "Mysteries of Women" road.

One mother was overheard giving our handsome Hamiltonian men the true answers to the questions, "Why do girls wax?" and "Does it hurt? What's it like?" Fresh from the bar, Mom willingly enlightened the curious minds, unabashedly stating the answers that they so desperately sought.

Her daughter, whom one assumes had had a few drinks, added her own personal commentary. The pair worked well as a mother-daughter team (if you know what I'm sayin', and I think you do). However, take sober Mom on the Jitney, and other students must make feeble attempts to pass off drunken belligerence as "normal," sensing the eyes of adulthood judging the scenario disapprovingly.

The Jitney is not a calm place, and one daughter and her friends desperately attempted to appear clear-headed in front of sober ol' Mom.

I know when I'm sober I generally slur my words, fall over, swear, and mock everyone I see, but apparently this girl only does it when drinking. When the rabble-rousing increased, finally culminating with a large fellow hollering an expletive and lunging toward the front of the van, Mom seemed a bit unnerved. She kept her head on straight and her daughter assured her, "You are so cool, you just fit right in." Last I heard, mother and daughter were seen breaking things near Milbank. Mom DID fit right in, that's AWEsome.

Speaking of fitting in, what's more normal than sleeping at 2 am? A couple kids took to heart my request that someone take the hit and be "that guy" who falls asleep on the Jitney. The pair brought a pillow onto the Jitney at the stop downtown, which is an interesting move in itself. Why bring a pillow to the bar?

In any case, pillow boy fell asleep in the front seat, happy as anything, and his cohort hit the hay on the bench seat. Apparently, ELS was not their destination, and our driver was completely unable to wake them at the stop.

Riding around the Hill for a bit longer, they were only woken up when some of their friends got on, punching them awake as any good companion would. It's a shame that they didn't make it all the way to Physical Plant... Next time, sleep in the way back seat.

Our last adventure involved neither parents nor attempts at normalcy. I revel in the sheer brilliance of the ideas that riders procure from their fully cognitive minds.

A suggestion was posed to one driver that he should drive on the left side of the road. The darer bet that the driver wouldn't get a ticket, and when the driver mentioned oncoming traffic, Backseat Driver offered the reassurance, "Don't worry, the other guy will get over." Obviously, he'll move over; it's the Jitney, you can drive wherever you want!

Thumbs Up

- **Drunk Dialing.**
- **Lame guy: "So this snow..."**
  Hot Chick: "Yeah... um, I'm gonna go to the bar."
  Lame guy: "OK, sorry."
- **"On the way here, I saw some big branches fall on Campus Safety's car. The station wagon." - Matt**
- **Vibrators and Viagra... mmm.**
- **The Eroscillator.**
- **"I used to be a circus freak, you know." - Takacs**
- **Nothin' Fancy being cancelled: the Spec staff isn't having fun on Thursday night, why should you?**

Thumbs Down

- **Drunk IMing (Because you get to see what you said).**
- **Campus safety calling girls in their rooms to hit on them.**
- **Not remembering 3 out of the past 4 Nothin' Fancy parties. Maybe this year will be different.**
- **The inevitable 50 people crowding into the emergency call booth in North Lot tonight.**
- **Stealing from cars in North Lot.**
- **Thumbs up/Thumbs Down columnists not saving their work before they hit the sauce.**

Matt Amoroso '05, Avery Schlicher '05, Matt Colman '06, Allison Davis '06

Who Cares?

- **Being tan in the middle of winter. Hey, your jaundice looks really natural!**
- **Having a sexual attraction to professors. No matter how many office hours you go to, it ain't gonna happen.**
- **"My socks are high wool ones." - Matt**
- **"My socks are polka dots." - Avery**
- **The end of Playmakers on ESPN.**
- **PBX and ATX scheduling semiformals on the same night. "Who cares, we guarantee way more booze than they do!" - Rogue PBX sisters.**

Security, please!

by R. Andre Chapman '07
INSIGHTS AND IDEAS WRITER

At Hamilton, there usually aren't many security issues that need to be dealt with here on campus, considering that this campus seems to be pretty safe. On the contrary, when there are issues that need to be addressed, it is evident that the security here, in one word, sucks! There have been burglaries, vandalism, drug issues, just to name a few pressing issues.

The Hamilton community would like to know what is actually going to be done about the lack of security here on campus. What are they going to do when another car gets vandalized (i.e., smashed up and burglarized)?

I have a friend who expressed one particular issue to me: his car got beat up pretty badly and the radio was taken. This is not the only incident that occurred; it is just one example. There have been other incidents that I will not go into in depth.

Where are the campus safety department's funds being squandered - perhaps a new security vehicle? The new security SUV looks really nice, but those funds really need to be spent on new surveillance cameras for those lots of unprotected cars, and new lights for the "dark side" of campus. I mean, come on, aren't we perpetuating crime by allowing the dark side to continue being dark? Also, what about more call boxes for when you get in a sticky situation and don't have a cell phone?

We need to take care of the more serious issues on campus that involve the safety of students. I think it is safe to say that the students that attend Hamilton College pay more than enough to enjoy the safety of their belongings, let alone the safety of the college's property. Right now, ensuring the safety of college property is all that the security here on campus provides.

In the brochure description of Hamilton's campus safety department, it states that all that they are required to do is to secure the property of the college and provide minimal safety for students, no matter how inadequate it may be. Does this mean that there shouldn't be people guarding the numerous lots that hold the vehicles of the students that attend Hamilton College?

When vehicles are parked in the campus parking lots, students would like to be able to walk away from their cars and not have to worry that they will be attacked or that their cars will be vandalized. Students should be guaranteed this protection, since their families have to pay enormous amounts of money for Hamilton's tuition and fees.

The vandalism victim whom I spoke to described to me the campus safety officer's perspective of the situation. The victim asked the officer if anything could be done about the incident, and the officer said, "We don't have the ability."

Now, I'm not sure if this officer speaks for the entire campus safety department, but it is evident something needs to be done about this supposed "lack of ability." Where does the safety of students lie, let alone the safety of their belongings, when an officer says that they don't have enough manpower to protect them?

If funding for the campus safety department here at Hamilton is an issue, then that deficit needs immediate attention. Otherwise, the entire department will need to reevaluate their program.

The primary objective of the campus safety here at Hamilton should be to ensure the safety of the students that live on campus and their belongings. When campus safety fails to achieve these fundamental goals, then the entire purpose of security on campus is null and void. This situation needs to be dealt with, and soon.

No Straw Men

by Jonathan Rick '05
INSIGHTS AND IDEAS COLUMNIST

In my second semester of college, I began writing letters to the editor of the Spectator; it was, and is, a wonderful way to express one's ideas without the usual complements of introduction, body, conclusion, etc. I soon turned to all-campus e-mails, an even less-demanding medium. Using my privileges as president of the Objectivist Club,[1] I would preface our meeting announcements with short hooks to Hamilton.

Yet I never really acted on my love for my writing until now, when this past Sunday night, I suddenly realized the possibility for greater engagement with Hamilton. Hence this column, "No Straw Men."

What does the title mean? A few weeks ago in my European Intellectual History class, I raised an objection to a point Professor Kelly had made; I unfortunately forget the specifics. Professor Kelly responded with characteristic wit: "Watch your straw men, Jon." (Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines a "straw man" as "a weak or imaginary opposition (as an argument or adversary) set up only to be easily confuted.")

In elaborating, Professor Kelly declared a maxim that im

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Come on Clinton:

Crossing the line

Klitora Kirkland
Sarah Schwartz '04

Phallixander Hamilton
Dan Fiore '04

DISCLAIMER: The purpose of Come on Clinton is to discuss sex and sex-related issues at Hamilton College in a light-hearted, non-judgmental, responsible way, with the goal of creating a public dialogue regarding issues that are often discussed by and impact the student body. Due to the liberal nature of the column, some may find the content inappropriate or offensive. Reader discretion is advised.

Phallix and Klitora have been sex column partners for about two months. Their relationship, up until this point, has been comparable to a common type of Hamilton relationship.

While Phallix and Klitora meet up once, maybe twice a week to do their column (much like two Hamilton students may meet up once or twice a week to do each other), there has been little talk of the future.

Will Klitora hook up with another one of her friends to write the column? Will Phallix's ADHD kick in, causing him to find a new hobby of the month, leaving Klitora heartbroken and sex-column partnerless? Or, will they continue to please hundreds of parents, students and alumni by continuing the column till death do them part?

There comes a pivotal point in every casual relationship where both parties must consider the future. Parent's Weekend was a perfect time to consider the future as many students asked themselves the question: do I or do I not introduce my parents to the person that I've been exchanging fluids with?

For Phallix and Klitora, the answer was an obvious one, as they were both willing and eager to meet each other's parents this weekend. After a few awkward moments, Klitora won over Phallix's parents with her blonde hair and vulgar mouth, while Phallix won over Klitora's parents with his freshly shaven head and impeccable sex muscles.

After gaining approval from each other's parents, Phallix and Klitora knew that their once casual relationship was becoming more than just a dirty fling. Unfortunately, when things get physical (as they clearly haven't for Phallix and Klitora), they tend to get more complicated.

While humans have created dozens of words for different types of relationships, and even more words for what is commonly known as "hooking up," Phallix and Klitora couldn't help but wonder, how do you know when what you've got is more than just a hook-up?

The Casual "Relationship"

Hamilton College is notorious for facilitating repeated hook-ups with no tangible definitions. We float around, doing as we please, imagining that there are no consequences for our actions.

But what happens when you're doing it with someone who you want something more than drunken interactions with? What does it mean when your fling starts Instant Messaging you, or better yet, actually calling you? When he or she holds your hand in public? When more than just your genitals flutter when he or she is near?

We are talking about that moment when you want to know if your hookup is more than just a hookup. While it may be uncomfortable to "ask someone out," middle-school style, here are some ways to find out if things are going somewhere beyond the bedroom.

Signs of Seriousness in the Sack

We have spoken to many men and women across this campus who justify the legitimacy or seriousness of their relationship with their sexual partner by referring to moves of "sincerity" in the bedroom.

There seem to be things a person can do before, during, and after sex that signify "intimacy" as well as things that signify the good old "I just used you for a quick screw" phenomenon.

Here are some things a person might do if he or she does not wish to become intimate: If your partner leaps out of bed after fornication and runs straight to the shower frantically whispering prayers, chances are he or she is a devout Christian who is not ready for romance and clearly has some personal work to do.

If your sexual partner pushes you off of him or her with a disgusted grunt and falls into a sound sleep after the act of sex, it is clear that you may not be seeing much of this person in the light of day.

During fornication, the line between intimacy and meaningless sex is harder to draw. We all like to make distinctions between making love, having sex, and screwing, but in reality one can screw with love, or make love with a total absence of emotion - it all depends on personal taste.

If your sexual partner screams "I love screwing you!!" during sex, it is hard to know if he or she just wants to have sex with you on a regular basis and has grown a deep fondness for you, or is simply enjoying the current physical feeling with no regard for the future.

On the other hand, face touching, handholding, a lot of kissing and extended foreplay may seem to indicate that your sexual partner may be quite serious about you. However, these signals are not absolutes, merely a list of maybes.

Try to think about the things that you do when you really like someone and want to be with them on a regular basis. Do you spend the night in their dorm room or take flight in a frenzy of playing hard to get? Are there certain sexual positions that you assume only when someone makes you feel comfortable (for example, Klitora and Phallix wouldn't do the Jennifer Grey with just anyone)? Do you want run your fingers through this person's hair, or do you want to vomit and weep in a confessional after sleeping with them?

It seems that at Hamilton, intimacy is hard to come by; when you feel it, you will probably know, and you will probably be able to tell if your partner feels it as well. Nonetheless, you have to say it out loud to make it known.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

I would like to make a number of comments on Blake Erb's recent article regarding Greek life on this Campus. I would not say I was insulted by Blake's article because most of what he said was either false or unfounded. I would mostly say I am annoyed. Greek societies are private organization, and yes privately they do provide "social BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS."

In addition to social benefits, many Greek societies also provide scholarship opportunities, leadership workshops and connections with alumni and representatives from other schools FOR THEIR MEMBERS. It's natural for clubs to grant benefits to its members.

The same goes for any other organization. I would not expect to receive health insurance benefits from a company I don't work for, I wouldn't expect a scholarship from a school I don't go to, and I wouldn't expect social benefits from a fraternity I am not a member of.

Blake mentioned in his article that "the hard-working people in Student Activities and other administrative offices don't work long hours so that you [Greeks] can goof off with your friends."

I don't think Blake understands (and perhaps he is not alone) the financial relationship Greek organizations have with this school. Like any other organization, a Greek society needs money to run. All of this money comes from student members or generous alumni; none of it comes from Hamilton College.

With this in mind I can't see why anyone would have an objection to the solely private benefits Greeks receive upon becoming a member of a society. Greek organizations are not responsible for enhancing Blake's, or anyone else's Hamilton experience.

As first-years we joined our respective societies to enhance our own college experience and we are going to goof off with our friends from time to time just like any other student on this campus.

Privately, Greeks have made the decision to become a member of a social organization. Publicly these individuals are involved in just about every aspect of campus life. If every Greek member wore their letters around for one week I think most people on this campus would be surprised to see the plethora of clubs and organizations in which Greeks are members.

Publicly we are student leaders, student journalists, athletes, volunteers, tutors and members of prestigious academic honor societies such as Phi Beta Kappa.

I want Blake to do one thing for me and every other Greek on this campus. Instead of complaining about what the Greek system hasn't done for this campus, find out what many individuals in societies have already done and are continuing to do on this campus. Then ask yourself if it's any of your business who they hang out with or what they do on their spare time.

- Greg Regan '05

Dear Editor,

My letter is in response to Mr. Erb's indictment of all fraternities at Hamilton and what he perceives as an attitude of apathy, elitism, and lack of participation among fraternity members. While I can certainly understand the feelings of resentment I must, however, offer my own opinion.

It is undeniable that Greek societies add a dynamic dimension to life on the Hill. While their prominence has dissipated marginally after the loss of houses, they still serve as an integral part of social and intellectual life here.

Certainly, if you look within the ranks of many campus organizations you will find fraternity members counted among them including the Buffers, yes, the radio station, and the finance club. And this is by no means an exhaustive list.

What you interpret as apathy in rush statements may in fact just be humility. Why boast about countless memberships when incoming freshmen and transfers may find out for themselves what each individual is all about.

Furthermore, it has been my experience here that the only objective of most administrators is to abandon Greek societies and eliminate their members not to provide for their survival.

My only advice to you would be, since you are so enamored with sororities, that you petition them for a bid. At the time of the drafting of this letter a certain social event is approaching on Thursday the 13th, I sincerely hope you will not be in attendance as I would not want you to simply "goof off with your friends".

- Jon Lugiano '04

To the Editor,

Blake Erb feels that some fraternities are not making enough of a contribution to the Hamilton community. I could take the time to compile a list of the numerous extracurricular activities that Greeks participate in, the leadership positions they hold on campus, and the community service projects they undertake.

However, Mr. Erb has chosen to focus on those particular societies which, based on their one paragraph rush statements in Greek Speak, appear to be made up of individuals who aren't pulling their weight on this campus.

If Mr. Erb were actually interested in providing his readers with an accurate survey of Greek involvement in the Hamilton community, perhaps he would have done a bit more research.

For example, he could have asked the ISC for a list of some of the things that Greeks do on campus, or he could have asked the presidents of the fraternities that he feels fall "behind the mark" to elaborate on how their members contribute to our community. But it appears that Mr. Erb did not seek out any evidence that might weaken his argument.

Mr. Erb seems shocked and a bit disgusted at the thought of a private society functioning for the good of its members. But what exactly is wrong with that? Isn't it only logical that a society or group of any kind would exist and function for the benefit of its members?

Does Mr. Erb believe that the only legitimate and socially valuable organizations are those devoted to community service? Is it wrong for people to have interests other than serving the greater good? Or is it simply wrong/selfish/a stupid waste of your time to join an organization that is based on something other than service? Would Mr. Erb describe individual students who pursue interests other than service as "worthless to the campus as a whole?"

From the school website: "The Art Club provides a creative outlet for all members and a means of communication between Hamilton College artists and local/community artists." Should I ask what this organization is doing that benefits those outside its membership? Frankly, I would feel a bit selfish, not to mention ridiculous, saying to a club that I have chosen not to join, "what have you done for me lately?"

Mr. Erb also charges Greek societies with promoting "elitism." I'll go out on a limb and assume that at a $37,000/year college, there would be elitism with or without private societies.

There is one minor way that Greeks do contribute to the Hamilton community, which may have escaped Mr. Erb's attention: the social life. Societies are the driving force behind the party scene here. Mr. Erb may disapprove of those who would "goof off with their friends," but it is an undeniable fact that a lot of students like to go out and attend big parties on the weekends. If you're one of the hundreds of students who do, Greek parties are usually the only game in town.

Some feel that Greek dominance of the social scene is a negative, but there is no reason that Greeks have to dominate. Anyone who wants to can go down to Bristol and reserve a social space. Perhaps Mr. Erb and a couple of his "proudly independent friends" will drop a few grand so that 500 Hamilton students can have a good time in the Annex next Friday night.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric Hawkins '04

The Haves have Capitalism; the Have-nots have not Capitalism

*from **No Straw Men**, page 8*

mediately struck me as if I were back in a Bundy East bathroom splashing cold water on my Sunday-morning face, realizing as I looked up to the mirror that I had done no schoolwork the entire weekend and now faced it all with half the day already gone.

Anyway, enlightened discourse, he said, precludes straw men arguments, though he noted that we all resort to straw men, since they're far easier to tackle than complex realities.

I would add that criticizing straw men also says more about the criticizer than the criticism. After all, they say in one sense you can judge a person by his enemies, and if you're going after the weakest arguments, surely that means your arguments are weak by association. Straw men only prove pusillanimousness.

For instance, not all feminists dismiss science as a male attempt to rape nature. Yet attacking such a caricature commits the fallacy of upholding the most vocally irrational aspect of modern feminism and reifying it as if it were the whole.

Serious scholars don't waste time with straw men; as scholar Chris Sciabarra writes, they "use an intellectual scalpel, rather than an ideological bludgeon," to engage honestly with counterarguments.

[1] Objectivism is the philosophy of Ayn Rand, author of The Fountainhead and Atlas Shrugged. In short, Objectivism holds that reason, laissez-faire capitalism, and individualism are the moral and practical foundations of freedom. In popular terms, Objectivism is similar to libertarianism.

The Haves Have Capitalism; the Have-nots Have Not Capitalism

On Monday (11/10) in Beinecke, members of Amnesty International were collecting contributions to buy a water buffalo for a farmer in Nepal.

The scene reminded me of an equivalent event I wrote about last year: "So, we donated spare change in water buckets at the dining halls, we fasted, we volunteered for Utica's soup kitchen.

But something was missing - an ingredient so implicit in our bounty that we overlooked its necessity. That manna is capitalism. For capitalism, in contrast to the quick fixes of Hunger and Homelessness Week, is a long-term panacea."

Indeed, world hunger is not a problem of redistribution. As psychotherapist Michael J. Hurd observes, malnutrition "does not exist because you throw out half a stick of butter or an unfinished Coke." In the same way, malnutrition does not develop into abundance because you donate one of those shiny new twenty-dollar bills to some charity. As they say, Give a man a fish, and feed him for the week. Teach a man to fish, and feed him for a lifetime.

To wit, although the specifics vary based from country to country, the root cause of hunger is always the same: not the lack of handouts, but the lack of capitalism.

Consider Africa, for instance. Echoing Julian Simon's thesis in The Ultimate Resource 2, philosopher Andrew Bernstein argues, "Africa has the identical natural resource fundamentally responsible for the West's rise: the human mind." Yet, it lacks the social system that allows the mind to flourish; liberating it to conceive and create, to invent and innovate. What Africans, like other starving people, desperately need, therefore, is to embrace free markets.

To the extent that it has existed, the free market has enabled abundance unmatched in human history. When was the last time a famine occurred in any capitalist nation? It is no coincidence that the hungriest countries are most hostile to globalization.

So, if your heart truly bleeds for the tired, the poor, the huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse, the homeless, and the tempest-tossed to whom Emma Lazarus dedicated our Statue of Liberty, then stop soliciting alms and start promoting capitalism. We can debate the details later, but let's call a spade a spade.

To paraphrase Ayn Rand, the haves have capitalism; the have-nots have not capitalism. In simpler terms, paraphrasing President Clinton, It's capitalism, stupid.

Once students on the Hill, two professors reflect on the changes from past to present

by Alexandra Manoff '04
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

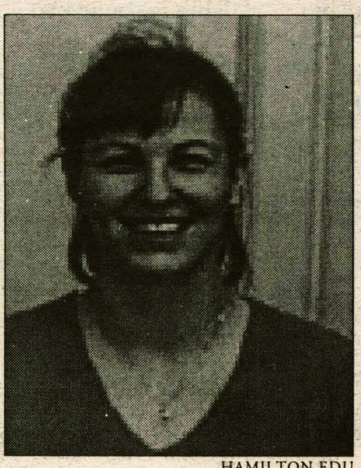
Most Hamilton students, especially as the pre-Thanksgiving break work piles high, could never imagine being a professor: someone responsible for inflicting relentless assignments and stress on their students, but also someone who is rarely appreciated for their dedication to their discipline or their commitment to promoting intellectual curiosity in the younger generations. Yet some of the most dedicated, and in turn, the most respected professors and administrators at Hamilton are, in fact, Continentals themselves, otherwise known as Hamilton alums.

Of the 241 active professors at Hamilton, 13 are graduates of this institution. There are representatives from a wide variety of departments including Government (Anechiarico, Skinner, Walker), Mathematics (Kantrowitz), English (Shamsie), Economics (Wertimer), Anthropology (Frechette), and Psychology (Bopp). On the administrative end, Dean of Academics, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Government David Paris received his A.B. from Hamilton. Lisa Magnarelli, Director of Student Activities and Karen Brown, the Office Assistant for the Dean of Faculty, are both alumnae as well.

Although most declined to respond to questions concerning the changes, or lack there of, they have witnessed since their enrollment as students in Hamilton College, two professors were willing to provide insight as a result of their rare experience of, and relationship with, the school.

Julie Diehl, Class of '93 and Coach of the Women's Basketball team, Assistant Coach of Women's Volleyball, and Assistant Professor of Physical Education, decided to teach at her alma mater because she foresaw the opportunity to build an exceptional women's basketball program here, and because she was drawn to the "ability to work with intelligent kids who were driven and exceptional in multiple ways."

As a student on the Hill from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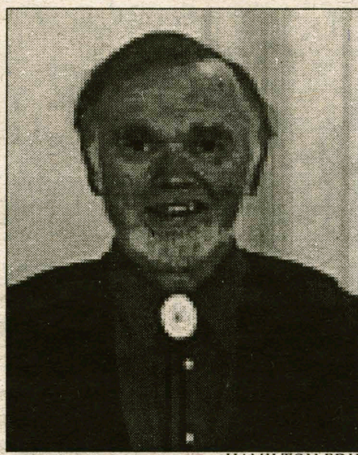
Assistant Professor of Phys. Education Julie Diehl

1989 to 1993 Professor Diehl remembers when "Beinecke Village was a storage barn, the Little Pub was just a bunch of trees, the Annex was not even a twinkle in someone's eye. Instead, the Hub was the main student center." She witnessed the last years before the administration required all students to live in campus housing, a period of time just before frat houses were no longer a viable housing option and fraternity row was eventually transformed into non-Greek student housing. Fraternities were the "main social outlet" on campus, and according to her the only two sororities "Phi Piggy Piggy" (the extinct Phi Sigma Sigma), and Phi Beta Chi, "weren't something you would brag about back then." As an unaffiliated member of the community Diehl has paid special attention to the evident increase in social options since she was a student a change that came about in reaction to the declining age average of campus safety officers who "were 70 or over. If you could run, administration never caught up." This lack of ageism on the part of Hamilton employers made the implementations of other social options seem superfluous.

Students at Hamilton were not only active socially. The student body, in general, was very politically conservative, and involved in political and academic affairs. Diehl has recognized that admissions standards have increased moderately and the work-load has reflected this increase. This phenomenon she attributes to "the 100 point swing after they re-centered the SAT's." When asked to reflect on the treatment of women on campus, Diehl responded that as a new professor her "first experience was rather interesting", and then proceeded to note that a lot of the negative behavior towards women has changed (for students and professors alike).

As a student and a member of the Basketball and Volleyball teams at Ham-Tech, Diehl fondly remembers the contingent of outstanding athletes who led the Men's Basketball team to an undefeated year when she was a sophomore. She states that some Hamilton programs have really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Professor of Religious Studies Jay Williams

excelled, where others have failed to meet their potential since her time.

Student body diversity, a common concern for many institutions of higher learning, is known to be a weakness that the Office of Admissions is struggling to overcome. Although she grants that there is a noticeably growing population of minority students (upon visiting her at school years ago, Diehl's sister, at the time a student at Cornell, exclaimed, "Why is it so "white" here?"), New Yorkers have always been, and remain the geographical majority at Hamilton, but according to Diehl, the N.Y. State contingent has decreased to accommodate a greater number of out-of-state and international students. Among the encouraging changes in the student body is not the ratio of students admitted from lower socio-economic brackets. In fact, the numbers have decreased due to the eradication of the "need-blind policy" since her enrollment.

Placing herself in good company, Diehl answered that she enjoyed a superior level of instruction from her professors while at Hamilton. She fondly remembers her favorite professors including Professor of Anthropology Doug Raybeck and Professor of Geology Barb Tewksbury. Both are still highly regarded members of the faculty. Due, in part, to the high academic standards emphasized by Hamilton faculty and administration, Diehl has noticed a significantly more favorable public profile of the school.

Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies Jay Williams is representative of Hamilton in a different era. Professor Williams was a student at Hamilton from 1950 to 1954. He returned to teach on the Hill in 1960 and has taught here ever since. As an undergraduate he had to take five courses, plus public speaking, each semester. Up to six semesters of a language were also required "It was very difficult to get a B to say nothing of an A" from the professors who were generally more liberal than the student body, which he believes is an attribute of the college that has remained the same.

In the 1950s Hamilton was

*see **Professors**, page 11*

Newly formed Wine Club swings into action

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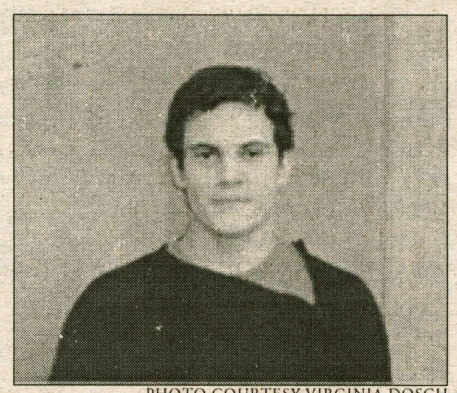
After two successful meetings and its first tasting, the newly formed Wine Club is taking root on the Hamilton campus. Founded and established by Will Fuhrman '04, the purpose of the Club is to educate members of the Hamilton community and stimulate discourse about the intricacies and delicacies of wine.

Professor of Classics Carl Rubino acts as the faculty advisor to the organization, which is still in the preliminary rounds of consideration for status as a school-sponsored venture. Professor Rubino's fascination with wine extends back decades. "I've been studying and drinking wine since I was very young," he explained. As a result of this passion, Rubino organized a wine tasting class during the January term in 1990.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Will Fuhrman '04, President of the Wine Club

Because of the educational value of the course, the College extended permission to underage students who wished to join. Since then, Rubino has held numerous wine tastings for faculty members and began leading tastings for Feb Fest starting in 2000.

Professor Rubino describes the current Wine Club as the brainchild of Fuhrman alone. Fuhrman's interest in the nuances of wine began when he got involved with a wine tasting club during his semester abroad in New Zealand. "It was more of a social thing, but they emphasized the educational part as well," he said. Believing he could bring something similar to Hamilton, Fuhrman drafted a constitution and held the first meeting this past September.

Fuhrman explained that the interests of the club do not lie solely in educating people about wine tasting. "The way we taste wine has different impacts on us," he said. His goal is to bring all the views of the participants into the discussion, hopefully gaining a "global sense and image about wine." Fuhrman hopes to organize trips to the wineries located in the Finger Lakes, a well-known and respected wine-producing area. Members of the Wine Club may even have the opportunity to watch the harvesting of ice wine during the winter.

After two meetings in September and October to discuss structural issues such as funding and logistics, Fuhrman and Rubino organized the first tasting which was held on October 17. Sixty students, professors, and staff attended the tasting, twice the number of people who attended the first meeting. Although Fuhrman cites the importance of keeping the group small to maintain a certain level of intimacy, he plans on involving the community at large in certain events.

While no specific date has been agreed upon, Fuhrman expects to hold a white wine tasting during the first week back from Thanksgiving break. The core issue the club faces is gaining funding from Campus Activities Board. Without funding, participants must be charged in order to cover the cost of the wine and other expenses. For more information on how to get involved, please e-mail wfuhrman@hamilton.edu or call Will at extension 3063.

Adventures in Upstate New York: The Clinton Cider Mill

by Ellen Horbett '07
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If you're searching for a relaxing and tasty adventure, look no further. The Clinton Cider Mill, just a short trip down the hill, offers delicious snacks, a little history, and a warming autumn aroma of freshly pressed apples. Many students visit the little shop in the early fall, and it's not too late to stop by now, even as winter approaches. Hot cider is a great way to warm up after a stroll in the chilly fall air.

The Clinton Cider Mill celebrates its 100th anniversary this year: the original owners, the Wentworth family, first brought the business to Clinton in 1903. Though the cider making process has undergone a couple major technological changes over the past century (for example, using a hydraulic press rather than the original steam powered screw press), the sweet cider remains a favorite among visitors. Relying on a fresh assortment of local apples, the mill processes the drink from start to finish right here in Clinton-enjoying this cider is a great way to support local business and produce!

Today, John and Mimi Fehlner, who purchased the mill in 1998, offer a wide selection of local foods and produce. Browse the fresh apples and apple-products, check out the delicious salsas, doughnuts, and cheeses, and, of course, try a cup of hot cider! Other items include New York State Maple Syrup and local honey and honeycomb. If you are lucky, you may arrive on a day when the press is in action-you can stand back and watch the tradition continue.

The Fehlner's cider has no additives, and will last up to ten days in your refrigerator. You can choose from a variety of sizes.

Head down to the Clinton Cider Mill soon, grab a crisp juicy apple and a warm glass of cider, and enjoy the local tradition that residents have enjoyed for over a hundred years!

The cider mill is located at 28 Elm Street, Clinton, NY. Head down College Hill Road and turn left on Elm Street (look for the sign!) and continue for about a quarter mile.

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still an all male institution, no women students or professors were accepted into the community. The Hamilton "old boy's network" was echoed by the importance of fraternities on campus: pledging was one of the first activities that freshmen participated in. Professor Williams is a brother of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), and he maintains that most students were members of one of the ten fraternities, and if not, they were a member of the Squires Club (for independents). Sports were another popular extra-curricular outlet for students. Although Williams never played on a varsity team, he noticed that the small coaching staffs were able to engage in very little recruiting while he attended Hamilton. Since the '50s the athletic programs have evolved considerably.

On the academic end of the spectrum, Williams remembers his professors with the same respect as Diehl, as being "tough but very good." However, it was not a diverse group at all: no blacks, Asians, women, or even very many Jews. Essentially, it was a "very WASPy" faculty. This reflected the composition of the student body - in the class of '54 there were no black or Asian students. The majority of the students were prep school graduates (from the New York area) but many also came from lower class families (it cost $1200 to attend, $600 for tuition and $600 for room and board, Hamilton is now rated the fifth most expensive school). Perhaps this low cost was due to the relative lack of infrastructure - the college's administration was only comprised of 11 people in 1950, there was not even a Dean of Students.

In about a half a century, life at Hamilton College has dramatically changed, but perhaps more surprisingly, it has retained a lot of its innate character. Even since 1989, life on the Hill has been fluctuating in response to the schools' maturity. Despite the evident transformations since they were in their student's shoes, both Professor Diehl and Professor Williams communicated their pride of their Hamilton diplomas, and admit that they would once again enroll at their alma mater. To the class of 2004: Relax, our fellow Hamiltonians reassure that, in the words of Professor Williams, Hamilton is a "widely recognized first-rate institution" that will catapult you where you hope to go when you leave the Hill...unless of course you want to teach. In that case, why not stay?

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THIS WEEK IN HAMILTON HISTORY

28 YEARS AGO
November 14, 1975

Storm Fells Line

An electrical power line that serves the Hamilton campus was struck down during a violent storm last Saturday afternoon causing a five-hour blackout and $2,000 worth of damange to five power motors at the College.

The most extensive damage was sustained in the ventilation systems of the Burke Library and the Alumni Gymnasium swimming pool area, where the power motors "burned out," according to Physical Plant Director Gerald Leuiken. However, no fire - only smoke - resulted from these burn-outs, said Leuiken.

It took the power company about two hours to repair the electrical line, which was downed 1,000 feet past the golf course off Campus Road.

The Clinton Volunteer Fire Department assisted the power company in containing the smoke.

27 YEARS AGO
November 12, 1976

Title IX Will Focus On Active Recruiting

Hamilton President J. Martin Carovano has decided that the college will emphasize active recruiting of women and minority faculty members, rather than concentrating on achieving specific percentages within a specific time period, in its compliance with Title IX regulations, he said in a recent interview.

Hamilton's Title IX self-study reported a disproportionately low number of women and minority members on its faculty and staff. Carovano said he made his decision after studying the recommendations of the recently completed Title IX report - a federally mandated document to insure anti-discriminatory hiring practices.

"It is President Carovano's conviction that if we follow the recommendations outlined in the section on faculty recruiting procedures, the desirable composition would result," said Carole Locke, Equal Opportunity and Title XI coordinator.

"It is certainly his goal to get a diverse faculty," she said.

"We are not going to discriminate in reverse in order to achieve our goal," said Carovano. Instead, "the college should be recruiting as aggressively as possible, making every effort to insure that the pool of candidates at which we look is truly representative of the population in composition," he said.

"Once we do that we then will select from the pool of candidates available the best possible person without reference to race, religion, or sex," he said.

26 YEARS AGO
November 11, 1977

Independents To Pay At Fraternity Parties?

Mike Lengvarsky, chairman of the IFC (Intrafraternity Countil) has proposed to representatives of the eleven fraternities on campus that a "social fraternity fee" be offered to all independents at the beginning of each semester.

According to Lengvarsky, the plan would work in this way: For a set fee, an independent could buy admission to all fraternity parties on campus for a semester except those which are by invitation only. If the independent did not pay the blanket fee, he or she would pay at the door of each party. Logically, the student, if an "intense partier," would save money by opting for the overall tax.

In any case, the free fraternity party will be a relic of the past if Lengvarsky's proposal is accepted. Freshman, of course, would be exempt from the charge until the end of the rushing period. Social members of any fraternity would be admitted to parties without cost.

Lengvarsky believes that such a "fraternity fee" would accomplish two main goals. The plan would shift part of the financial burden of partying to the independents and would supply the IFC with the capital to organize different social events on campus, such as a Winter Carnival, and "move away from the typical houseparty setup."

Hamilton honors HCEMS and EMTs in week-long tribute to student volunteers

by Celine Geiger '04
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

You've seen them running across campus, orange duffle bags in hand, always ready, always prepared and on the scene. They are part of an elite group of individuals known collectively as Hamilton College Emergency Medical Services (HCEMS).

This week, in conjunction with colleges and universities across the country, Hamilton's student EMTs are being recognized for their dedication and constant service to the College community. November 10 marked the beginning of National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Week, a five-day tribute to the students who devote significant amounts of their time to responding to medical emergencies on campus. Members of HCEMS respond to 80-90 medical emergencies on campus each semester and provide their services 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

The current roster of active student EMTs on the Hill includes: Patrick Cooke, Gill Chapman, Emily Cooper, Sarah Daviau, Ashley Deline, Sarah Entenmann, Jeff Dyer, Ashlyn Field, Elisabeth Krainer, Matt Pabis, Kaitlin Polak, Katie Poulin, Liz Ransom, Margo Rockwell, Dan Seeger, Kellyn Shoecraft, Alexa Siddon, Gabby Soto, Michael Stahl, Nate Stell, Gabe Tash, and Bobby Wysocki.

According to Diann Lynch, who organizes the EMTs, the most frequent EMT call is for injuries, including "sprains, strains, fractures, head injuries, and lacerations." EMTs also see "patients with allergic reactions, asthma, fainting, vomiting, and other various illnesses and injuries." Less than 15% of the calls are alcohol related.

Each EMT volunteers about 30 hours per week. Most of their calls occur during Saturday night and Friday night shifts, respectively. The average call is about 30 minutes of on-scene time; calls requiring ambulance service take longer. EMT response time averages between 2 - 3 minutes.

"All Hamilton EMTs are certified as EMT-B's," explains Diann. "They perform in-depth medical and trauma assessments, provide airway management, hemorrhage control, splint all types of fractures, administer oxygen, administer medication for asthma, are able to perform emergency childbirth deliveries, and assess pediatric patients, among other skills. The EMTs are also certified in BLS CPR and use of the AED (defibrilator) which they carry."

Diann also would like to remind students that EMT calls are strictly confidential; EMTs "do not give any information about any aspect of any call to anyone other than the other health care providers."

I recently spoke with two members of the Class of 2006, Lisi Krainer and Bobby Wysocki, both of whom are trained EMTs. Here's what they had to say regarding their EMT experience:

Why did you decide to become an EMT?

Bobby: I decided to be an EMT because I really enjoy learning about the human body and how to fix it. I work at a hospital and enjoy helping people so I naturally thought being an EMT would be another step.

What's the hardest part of becoming an EMT?

Lisi: HCEMS is very selective, so I think getting accepted can be hard. Taking the class can be time demanding, but it is rewarded with a lot of fun both in the class and once you're an EMT.

Bobby: The hardest part is the time commitment that it involves. We have to take a class for an entire semester 2 nights a week and Saturday mornings doing practical skills in Utica. We had homework for the class, needed to practice our skills, read chapters in our textbook, took tests, most anything you would do in a regular class. When I thought it was all over, I found out we had weekly quizzes and trainings every 3 weeks to keep our skills and knowledge up to date.

What is the best part?

Lisi: Being able to help people is truly great. The best part for me has been the combination of responsibility and knowledge. At most calls, the patient or bystanders are glad when we show up with our orange bags, and look to us for help. Then it is up to us to take care of the patient and sometimes the bystanders and apply what we learned in the classroom. Other than helping people, the best part about HCEMS is the other EMT's. They are an amazing group of people and I can always look to them for help when I need something.

Bobby: The best part would have to be knowing that you can help someone. In any emergency, I know that I can help save someone, comfort someone, help them when they need it. There is no emergency that we are not trained to handle, and it's a good feeling when you begin to feel comfortable with any of those emergencies and can feel confident in you skills and abilities.

Why do you think being an EMT is important?

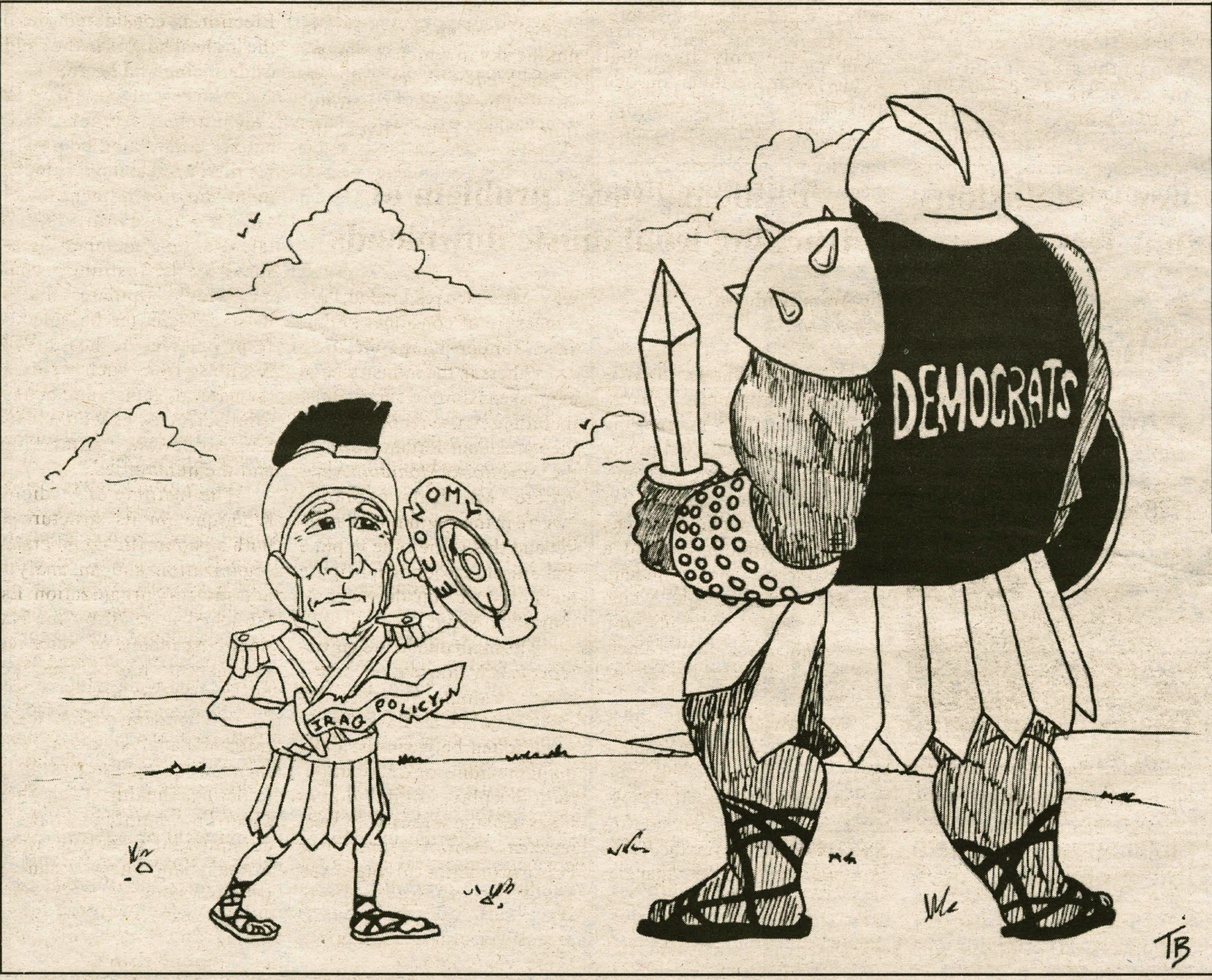
Lisi: Being an EMT has already had a huge impact on both my life at Hamilton and in general. What I've noticed most is that I've become a calmer person, because I realized that going on a call, no matter how good or bad the call seems, I have to be calm and just do what I was taught to do.

Bobby: Being an EMT is important because it teaches you skills that you can use anywhere. I can use my training anywhere in New York State to help people. It's a very rewarding experience when you know that someone appreciated what you did for them. It's really the best thing I can think of. Beyond that, I've learned how to deal with stressful situations much better, to put everything behind me and focus on the task at hand.

What do you hope to get out of the EMT experience at Hamilton?

Bobby: I hope to learn to deal with stressful situations, and how to help people. I'm thinking about going for more training to move up in the levels and to volunteer in agencies at home as well.

Drawing Criticism by Tom Booth '06



Science & Technology

Explosions on the Sun seen worldwide

by Stephanie Higgins '04
SCIENCE WRITER

I am attempting to determine a sedimentary chronology of the Antarctic Peninsula for my senior project in physics. Radioactive samples of sediment from this region can be alpha- and gamma-counted to help determine the age of different areas. One method I am using is gamma-counting. The very energetic solar period over the past few weeks may be affecting my gamma-spectrums, which is why I have decided to learn a little about what's going on up there in outer space!

Tuesday's solar flare has just been confirmed by solar scientists as the biggest flare every recorded. This flare was designated as an X28 flare. The biggest flare ever seen before

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An explosion occuring on the Sun.

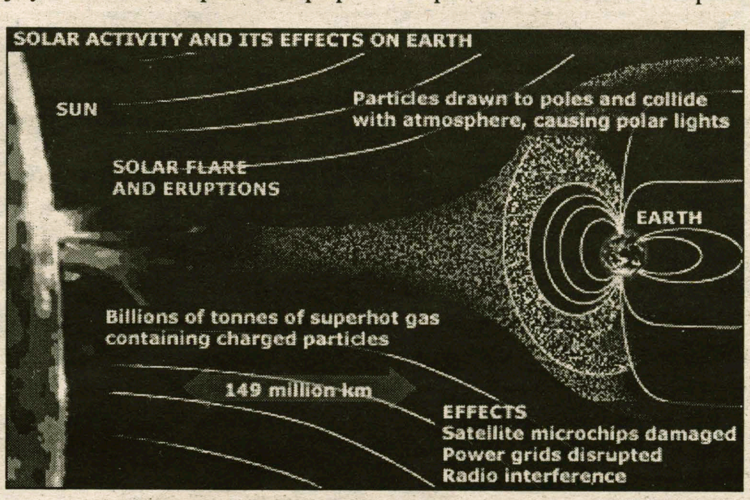
was ranked at X20. Last Tuesdsay's event and the other recent flares have been coming from supspot region 486, which is now officially the most active solar region in recorded history. But how does this affect what happens on earth?

NASA describes a solar flare as a sudden, rapid, and intense variation in brightness. They occur when a build up of magnetic energy in the solar atmostphere is suddenly released, emitting radiation across the entire electromagnetic spectrum. This includes radiowaves, the visible spectrum that we see every day, x-rays, and finally gamma rays. Particles which include electrons, protons, and heavy nuclei are heated and accelerated into the solar atmosphere. A solar flare can release up to ten million times the amount of energy emitted during a volcanic explosion. Conversely, the energy relaeased by a solar flare is only one-tenth of the total energy emitted by the sun each second.

Fast-moving electrons and protons ejected from the sun have other effects on us. These particles can get trapped in the Earth's magnetic field and collide with gases in the upper atmosphere, creating colorful displays of lights, bands, and streamers called an Aurora Borealis, or the Northern Lights. These lights appear predominantly in the Arctic and Antarctic regions of the earth. While they are sometimes visible outside these zones, such an occurence is rare. If you have never seen a picture of one, I highly recommend doing a quick image search on Google - what you see will completely amaze you. As of this article's publication, the most recent solar pass occurred on Tuesday, November 11.

The Earth's changing magnetic field that results from a storm of protons and electrons, can also cause power grid and satellite problems. Last week Japanese engineers blamed such a storm for the failure of a satellite.

Although unrelated, last Saturday night's lunar eclipse is another example of the recent heavenly activity. Lunar eclipses have no great scientific significance, however they expose many people to the fields of astronomy and cosmology as they can be enjoyed without special equipment. Astronomers, however, took advantage of this short time window to scrutinize the moon's surface through telescopes, observing how its appearance changes as the sun's light is obscured by the Earth.



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Last weeks solar flares are considered to be the largest explosions to occur on the sun.

Saturday's eclipse took place around 8:25pm, when the moon transited the southern edge of the Earth's shadow. During the middle of the eclipse, the only light that could reach the lunar surface was red light refracted through the Earth's atmosphere, producing quite the visual show.

This red moon has been called "the time of the blood of the Great Mother's wisdom" by some ancients, linking the moon's color and menstruation. This link seems only natural, as the length of the lunar and calendar months have a direct connection to human fertility.

While stranded in the Caribbean in 1503, Christopher Columbus anticipated a lunar eclipse and recieve the respect and fear of the natives he lived with. This also ensured him a regular suply of food!

People today are still using the eclipse for their own benefits. In the countryside of the U.K., the eclipse was used to highlight the increasing problem of light pollution of the night sky by campaigners.

"A lunar eclipse is spectacular, but more often than not the sky in which it appears is smeared with an ugly orange glow from light pollution," said Tom Oliver, the CPRE's head of rural policy. "Why should thoughtless, wasteful outdoor lighting spoil so many people's views of the heavens?"

But perhaps the dense clouds characteristic to the region had more of an affect on the view of Saturday's eclipse than the pollution.

Sampson '71 Elected to Institute of Medicine of National Academy of Science

PRESS RELEASE

Dr. Hugh Sampson '71 chief of Pediatric Allergy & Immunology and director of the Jaffe Food Allergy Institute at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, has been elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Science. Sampson is known for his research on peanut allergies and is working on a peanut allergy vaccine.

"It is a great pleasure to welcome these distinguished and influential individuals to the Institute of Medicine," said IOM President Harvey V. Fineberg. "Members are elected through a highly selective process that recognizes those who have made major contributions to the advancement of the medical sciences, health care, and public health. Election is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of medicine and health."

Current active members elect new members from among candidates nominated for their professional achievement and commitment to service. An unusual diversity of talent among members is assured by the Institute's charter, which stipulates that at least one-quarter be selected from outside the health professions, from such fields as the natural, social, and behavioral sciences, as well as law, administration, engineering, and the humanities.

The Institute of Medicine is unique for its structure as both an honorific membership organization and an analytic and advisory organization. Established in 1970 by the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute has become recognized as a national resource for independent, scientifically informed analysis and recommendations on issues related to human health. With their election, members make a commitment to devote a significant amount of volunteer time as members of IOM committees, which engage in a broad range of studies on health policy issues.

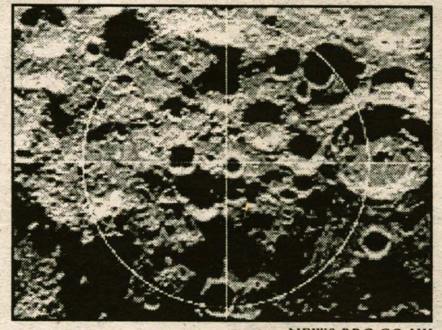
Scientists draw new conclusion about lunar ice

by Aram Kudurshian '06
SCIENCE EDITOR

BBC News reports that scientists have begun to question whether the ice found at the Moon's poles is really the thick sheets earlier assumed or scatterd grains. Observations from the Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico suggest that if any ice is present, it may be embedded in rock or small grains.

The discovery of ice on the Moon in 1996 sparked a period of speculation that led to an increase in research focusing on the moon. In 1998, a neutron spectrometer on the Lunar Prospector orbiter detected hydrogen deposits that indicated the presence of H_2O in the form of ice. However, in 1999, the Lunar Prospector was deliberately destroyed and all research about the moon has been done via Earth-based radars.

The presence of solid H_2O on the moon suggests that it may be possible to provide drinking water for a colony to explore the moon in greater detail. It also would be able to provide liquid hydrogen and oxygen to create rocket fuel. However, until the European Space Agency's Smart I mission lands on the moon in 2004, we won't know the significance of this discovery.



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Photograph of the Moons surface.

Billboard faces problem of tracking legal music downloads

by Aram Kudurshian '06
SCIENCE EDITOR

Billboard, known internationally for its music charts, faces a new problem from the recent emerged Internet music stores such as Apple's iTunes Music Store and Napster. Currently, the sale of digital tracks purchased online for around a dollar apiece are not counted in the Billboard Hot 100, which used by radio stations and record industries alike in determining which songs to play and market.

With over 17 million song sold in the past year by Apple's music service, a new chart entitled the Hot Digital Tracks chart was created to monitor these sales. However, the *Rocky Mountain News* reports that media analysts such as Rob Sisco believe that both types of sales should be incorporated into one chart. When pressed to explain why, Mr. Sisco responded, "it's a measure of consumer enthusiasm for consuming music."

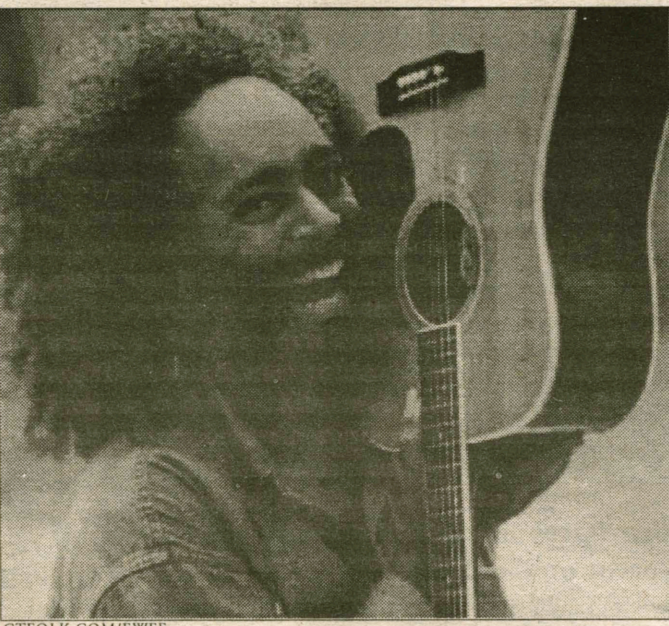
Others in the industry have expressed similar sentiments, including Arista records senior vice president Jordan Katz. In the same *Rocky Mountain News* article, Mr. Katz explains, "we're in the beginning of market and this is the time to put a stake in the ground and figure out how to count the sales of individual songs."

The main underlying problem deals with when to count a song as a single. With the new digital market, a balance needs to be found between the three main mediums of distribution: radio airplay, digital downloads, and the sale of a physical product. With the upcoming Pepsi promotion giving away 10 million songs on the iTunes Music store for free, analysts agree Billboard is pressed to decide what to do.

Acoustic Coffeehouse Presents: Vance Gilbert & Ellis Paul

Blake Erb '05 lets you know what to expect from the latest that the Coffeehouse has to offer

Work bringing you down? Papers and exams stressing you out? Well, take a study break with Ellis Paul and Vance Gilbert when they perform on Thursday, November 20 at 8pm in the Events Barn as part of Campus Activities Board Acoustic Coffeehouse series. Free opus drinks and snack will be provided along with raffles to sweeten the deal.



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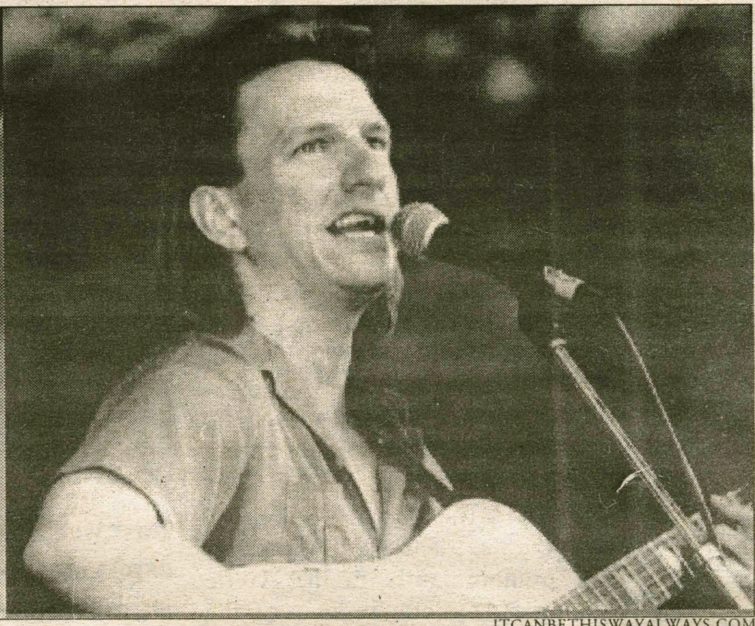

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CAB's Acoustic Coffeehouse Series is proud to present the musical stylings of Vance Gilbert (left) and Ellis Paul (right). Make sure you find time to go to their performance on Thursday, November 20 at 8 pm in the Filius Events Barn because as Carolyn Bell simply puts it "they are both really good!"

Ellis Paul, a past Acoustic Coffeehouse performer and well-known and respected Boston musician, has had songs played on the NBC TV show "Ed" and the major motion picture "Me, Myself and Irene" as well as releasing many albums including "The Speed of Trees" and "Am I Home". Paul will be performing with fellow acoustic-folk artist and Bostonian Vance Gilbert. To provide a sense of what kind of musician Paul is, College Music Journal (CMJ) said the following, "Speaking of great songwriters...Paul delivers lyrics that read like poetry with a high, clear voice that can be as fragile or tough as the song allows and each one strikes directly at theheart. Very special" (www.ellispaul.com).

Paul's partner, Vance Gilbert, has released many albums including, "One Thru Fourteen" and "Shaking Off Gravity". Ft. Worth Star-Telegram has described Gilbert as having, ""The voice of an angel, the wit of a devil andtheguitarof agod"(www. vancegilbert.com) Audiences will not only be entertained by the music of Gilbert but also by his humorous and witty banter with the crowd and Paul.

Gilbert and Paul have recently released a combined album called, "Side of the Road." The album was reviewed by the Boston Globe and described as such by reviewer Scott Alarik, "These two longtime compadres helped define the Boston songwriting school in the '90s with their canny blend of sleek melodicism, street-smart lyrics, and intimate stagecraft. Their long-awaited duet CD will surprise many with its gentle topicality and folk-prettysound" (www.ellis paul.com). In this album, Paul and Gilbert play songs by some of their favorite artists as well as playing some original songs that they have written together. Paul and Gilbert will most likely be performing some songs from this newly released album, so even if you have seen Paul and/or Gilbert perform before, you will be able to see and hear some new and different songs performed live.

Great music from Paul and Gilbert is not all that is being offered. As always with the Acoustic Coffeehouse shows, free snacks and drinks from Café Opus will be provided for concert-goers. CAB will also be conducting raffles during the concert for some awesome prizes. Raffle tickets will be given out to free to everyone that comes to the Coffeehouse. Raffle prizes will include Clinton pottery mugs, Acoustic Coffeehouse T-shirts and CDs by Vance Gilbert and Ellis Paul.

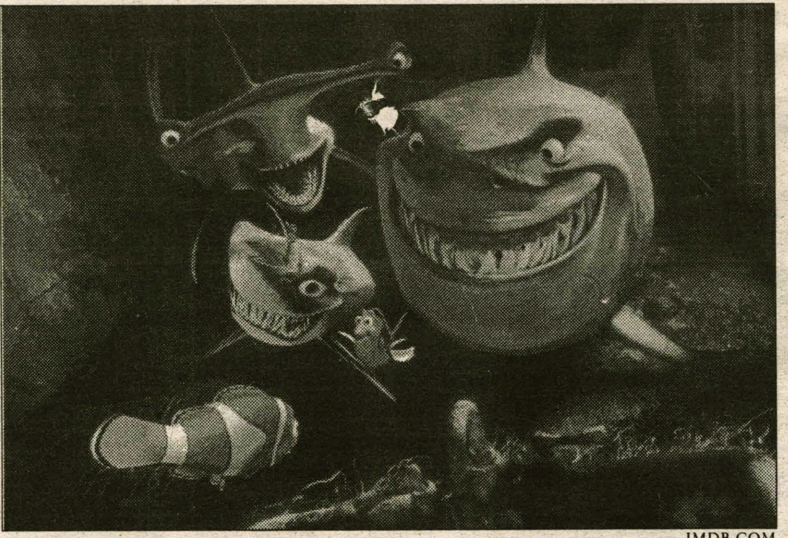
Anyone interested in having a relaxing Thursday night with some good tunes, good people and good snacks should stop by the Events Barn on November 20 at 8pm to experience all these things and more. As Acoustic Coffeehouse Coordinator, Carolyn Bell said, "Basically, they [Vance Gilbert and Ellis Paul] are both really good and everyone should come!"

A Look at the Biggest Animated Film of All Time: *Finding Nemo*

Whit Rothe '05 reviews the DVD release of Pixar's latest feature length film

With the summer of 2003 being dominated mainly by sequels to action franchises, it is of little surprise that the highest grossing movie ($339 million) in the country was Pixar's *Finding Nemo*. With fabulous dialogue, engaging characters, brilliant voiceover work, and stunning visuals and animation, Nemo was pretty much guaranteed to be a success. But I don't think the executives at Disney predicted it would break the *Lion King's* record for highest grossing animated movie of all-time. Records aside, Pixar proved again why they are the best in the business when it comes to animated movies.

Nemo is unique because it was the first Pixar movie to stray from the formula they have used in all of their movies: a buddy comedy in a unique world (toys, monsters, bugs) with a score and a song by Randy Newman. The story begins with a clownfish named Marlin losing all of his children and his wife to a barracuda attack. This is the first time Pixar has tackled death in one of its movies. As a result, Marlin is over-protective and critical of the only survivor of the attack, his son Nemo, and when Nemo defies him and gets captured, Marlin sets out on a quest to find his son. Seems simple enough, but there are so many themes ingrained in *Finding Nemo* that I will let you delve into its complexity. Albert Brooks is perfect as the neurotic (this is his specialty) Marlin, but it is Ellen Degeneres who steals the show as the hilarious Dory. In fact, all of the characters that inhabit this part of the ocean are memorable. That is tough to find in a lot of Hollywood movies these days.



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The big fish always eat the little fish except in the case of animated films where Pixar is swallowing Disney whole.

There is more to Nemo than meets the eye, and what meets the eye is probably one of the most gorgeous movies I have ever seen. The ocean, with its numerous creatures and various locales, allows Pixar to show off its animation skills to great effect. The bright colors jump off the screen while the shadows provide great contrast. Sometimes, the movie looks so photorealistic, that I couldn't believe what I was seeing was computer animated. Needless to say,

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Movie News: The Art of the Trailer

Brian Sweeney '06 talks about upcoming movies and upcoming trailers for upcoming movies

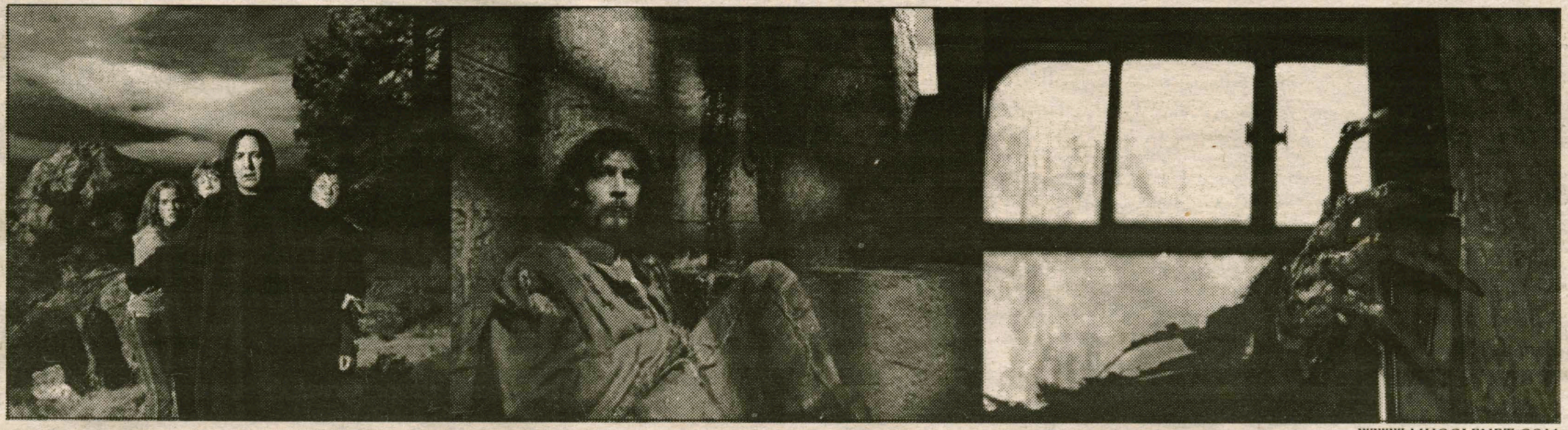
Today *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World* will light up the movie screens in thousands of theaters across the country. The film was directed by Peter Weir and stars Russell Crowe. Weir is responsible for such wonderful films as *Witness* and *The Truman Show*. Here is what imdb.com has to say about this film: "Captain Jack Aubrey (Crowe) and ship surgeon Stephen Maturin (Paul Bettany) set sail on the HMS Surprise to see the far side of the world, against the backdrop of Napoleonic Wars. Their main goal is to catch up to the Acheron, a French ship that carried out a sneak attack on the Surprise. Aubrey and crew chase their enemies through Cape Horn, and the South American coast to the Galapagos Islands." The reviews have been good thus far, although nobody seems to think that the Oscar talk for this film has been warranted. Nonetheless, if you are looking for something to see this weekend, this seems to be worth a look.

Trailers are a cause of frequent annoyance for movi egoers who just want the movie they are about to see to start. Yet, I can't help but love trailers. Some of the best can get you more emotionally charged than most full length movies. Some make their movie look so promising that you can't help but feel let down after seeing the film that that wonderful trailer promoted (Didn't *Star Wars: Episode I* look so very much better than the movie itself?).

I think that the people who edit trailers - who choose how to order the scenes they are going to tease their audience with, how to use the music that scores the trailer, etc. are very unappreciated. So for those reasons, I would like to talk about some of their latest work.

This week has been a big week for trailers. If you saw *The Matrix Revolutions* last week then you probably saw the teaser trailer for Troy. If you did not, then you can view it by going to www.troymovie.com. The trailer promises a strong visual representation of The Trojan War and it gives a good look at a few of the characters, but as this is just a teaser there is not much insight into how the filmmakers are handling the adaptation of the story itself for the screen. Troy opens in May of 2004. Also released this week was the trailer for *The Polar Express*. I covered this film a little bit last year when the production was announced, and you may remember the peculiar way in which director Robert Zemeckis and producer/star Tom Hanks are bringing this classic Chris van Allsburg Christmas story to the screen. The film combines live action filmmaking with computer generated animation. The trailer gives a good glimpse of just how they are accomplishing that. It seems as though they had actors film each scene in front of the blue screen and then the animators not only animated the backgrounds but the actors (as they acted in live action) as well. The image of a computer generated Tom Hanks as The Conductor is totally successful and this looks to be a film that would be worth seeing for the visuals alone. They have clearly captured the beauty of van Allsburg's illustrations with the look of the animation. *The Polar Express* will be released in November of 2004. You can see this trailer at www.apple.com/trailers.

The final trailer I am going to discuss will be released with *Looney Tunes: Back in Action*. But since nobody with any ounce of respect for the original classic cartoons would see that film, then it would be best to look online to find the teaser trailer for *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*. Since there are clearly many Potter fans on campus, I'm sure many people would understand what I mean when I say that you will be getting your first creepy look at the Dementors. That first look alone makes the trailer very worth seeing. The setup of the shots in this film and the vibrancy of the colors clearly surpass what existed with Chris Columbus as director. This trailer should give fans a lot of hope that Alfonso Cuaron will really hit this one out of the park. The first film was mediocre and I felt that the second film was a step in the right direction, but this is the movie



On the left you will notice the ever dastardly Severus Snape protecting Potter & Company yet again. In the center you will notice Sirius Black sitting safe and sound in Azkaban prison. Finally, on the right you will notice the grimy, greasy, and grotesque hand of the Dementor as it slides the train door open.

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Jingle Bell Rock

Megan Semerod '06 discusses modern takes on X-mas classics

Normally, I hate anything Christmas until Black Friday. I can't stand that Hallmark will have their Christmas ornaments hanging before my birthday in August. Just to look at the red and green M&Ms immediately following Halloween bothers me to no end.

However, I'm going to be hypocritical and say that I have one Pre-Thanksgiving Christmas indulgence - Christmas carols. Not just any carols, though. I am especially fond of the kind that most people hate-the modern takes on old classics. These songs are played on a non-stop loop in stores from November until December. They drive sales-clerks crazy and customers into angry mobs.

Luckily, my roommate shares the same enthusiasm for these songs. We both have similar Christmas carol play lists of which we never tire, but ones that force our suitemates to IM us and share their disgust in our music taste. Is it too early for holiday songs? Are they only good for one month, or can they be used earlier to remind us that soon finals will be over and we can all have a one month break with very little thinking?

With steadfast loyalty to the belief that it's never too early to go Walking in a Winter Wonderland, I have started to accept defeat and belt out these chants as I listen.

Santa Claus decides to rock out after a hard day on the job.

Sometimes you just have to abandon all your standards and go straight to the bubblegum pop list. The *Now: That's What I Call Music, A Very Special Christmas* and *Maybe This Christmas* series all have several albums in the collection and contain remakes by modern bands and singers. American Idol has even jumped on the band wagon and released a special holiday recording.

You still may be a little skeptical about my taste in music choices, or perhaps you're imagining Nat King Cole belting out Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire. In my defense I've put together my own top 10 list. — Learn it. Live it. Love it.

1. 12-23-95 - Jimmy Eat World
2. Santa Baby - Kyle Minogue
3. Happy Christmas (War is Over) - Sense Field
4. Baby, It's Cold Outside - Dean Martin
5. The Only Gift that I Need - Dashboard Confessional
6. The Christmas Song - DMB
7. Last Christmas - Savage Garden
8. Winter Wonderland - Phantom Planet
9. Blue Christmas - Bright Eyes
10. Xmas Cake - Rilo Kiley

Not too shabby, huh? I suggest you get working on your own Holiday Mix. You might need it for comic relief during finals.

Last Weekend at the Movies

Weekend Gross/**Total Gross**

1. *The Matrix Revolutions*	6. *Love Actually*
$48,475,154	$6,886,080
$83,790,000	**$6,886,080**
2. *Elf*	7. *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*
$31,113,501	$4,939,582
$31,113,501	**$73,361,552**
3. *Brother Bear*	8. *Mystic River*
$18,526,927	$4,787,247
$44,022,400	**$40,435,817**
4. *Scary Movie 3*	9. *Runaway Jury*
$10,812,152	$4,671,818
$93,057,613	**$39,996,753**
5. *Radio*	10. *School of Rock*
$7,215,307	$3,026,851
$36,127,668	**$73,472,323**

Even More Movie News!

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in which they really need to capture the essence of Rowling's books on screen. The eerie feel of this trailer and the sinister shadows that seem to dominate the film are very promising (I also love the background music featuring a Hogwarts chorus singing the witches' incantation from *Macbeth*!). Warner Brothers also released a few new stills to promote Azkaban this past week. I've published a few of them with this article. *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* will be released in June of 2004.

People interested in the upcoming film adaptation of *The Merchant of Venice*, which I reported on a few weeks ago, may be interested to know that there has been a casting change. It seems that Ian McKellan, who was originally cast to play Antonio, has had to drop out. Delays in shooting caused a problem with McKellan's schedule, so he can no longer take part. Filming will begin on November 23rd in Luxembourg. Director Michael Radford was quickly able to find a new Antonio for his thirty million dollar film; Jeremy Irons has been chosen to replace McKellan and will be ready by the time the cameras begin to roll. Other members of the cast include Al Pacino as Shylock and Joseph Fiennes as Bassanio.

In other news Disney has acquired the rights to a new film, Sig Quashie's *King of the Gods*. Here is what www.comingsoon.net has to say about the film: " The film, an epic fantasy..., explores how the young god Zeus discovers his destiny to overthrow his father and become ruler of the Earth and heavens.

Gray and Ciardi conceive of the project as a natural trilogy that incorporates the different parts of Greek mythology -- when Zeus becomes king of the gods at the end of part one, how the gods rule in the second, and how they are ultimately taken down by their own greed and blunders in the third."

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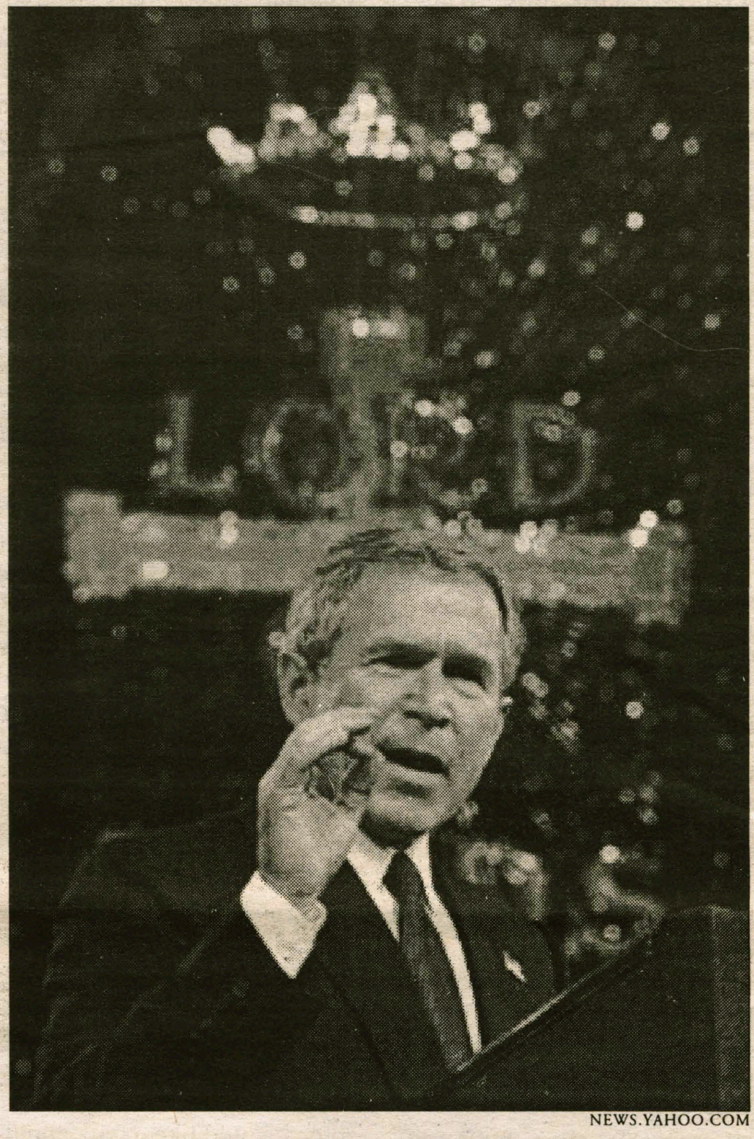
While not an intentional photo-op, the appropriateness of this picture speaks for itself. There just aren't words to do it justice, so have a look-see.



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PIXAR's Finding Nemo DVD Reviewed

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Pixar has come a long way from Toy Story, and it shows. Complementing the fantastic visuals and top-notch transfer is a great soundtrack. The DVD has Dolby EX, and it sounds glorious from a full-fledged surround system to a stereo television. Degeneres's jokes and Thomas Newman's score never sounded so good.

Pixar has always been good about providing an in-depth analysis of their films (see the Ultimate Toy Box and the *Monster's Inc.* DVD), and the *Finding Nemo* disc is no exception: this has got more special features than a Ferrari. Pixar is great because they are personally involved in their projects (anyone remember the Pixar Fun Factory Tour on the *Monster's Inc.* disc?), and so there are multiple documentaries to show their creative process and provide a glimpse into how they work together as a company. It's not only informative, but fun to watch. The main prize though is the visual commentary which provides insight to the animation process of the film. This is a great one because as you are watching the film and think "how did they do that?" they actually show you. Commentaries come and go, but this is probably the most sophisticated commentary out there as they leave very few details behind. Overall, Finding Nemo is one of the better movies of this past year and also one of the better DVDs. Pick this one up during your next trip to Sangertown, and remember: fish are friends, not food.

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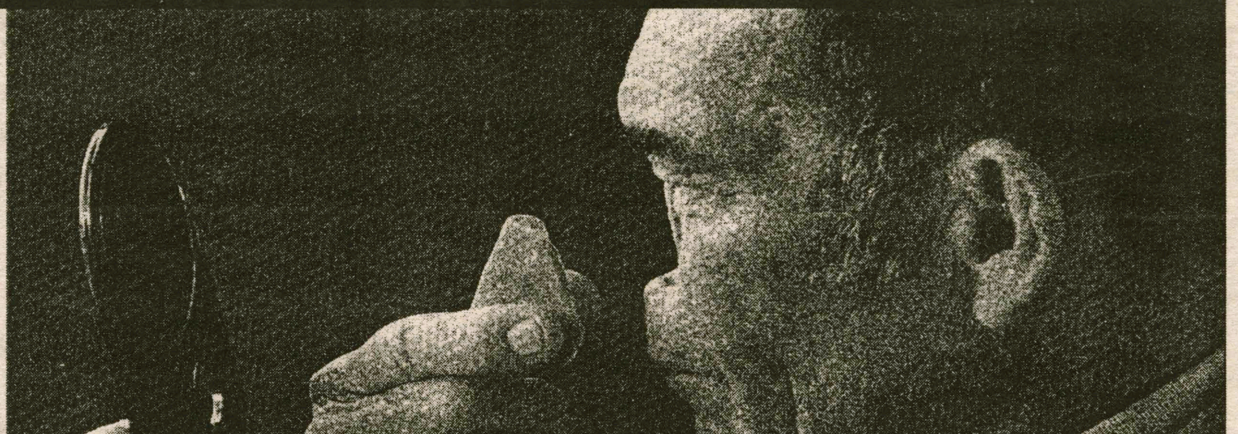

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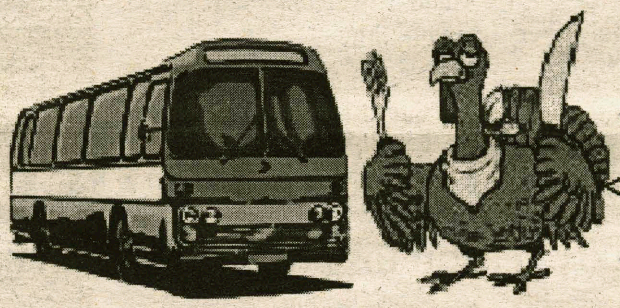

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Women's soccer loses playoff in a shootout, 3-2

Hamilton and William Smith play to 0-0 tie through regulation and overtime

by Michael Proia '05
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's soccer team's outstanding season came to an end over the weekend as Hamilton lost in the conference semifinals to William Smith College. The two teams matched up so evenly that they needed two halves, two overtimes, and a shootout to decide the game. In the end, William Smith advanced to the conference finals with a 3-2 edge in the shootout.

Jen Munoz '04, playing in the final game of her Hamilton career, posted eleven saves in 110 minutes between the pipes, keeping Hamilton in the game. The Continentals put nine shots on net, but William Smith keeper Nikki Dudley turned all of them away.

Sarah Felder led Hamilton with three shots and Elizabeth Roberts added two, but Hamilton could not find enough holes in the Herons' defense and goalie to convert.

PHOTO BY KIM WALKER '07

Ann Lucas (17) helped anchor a defense that put up five shutouts in the final six games of the season.

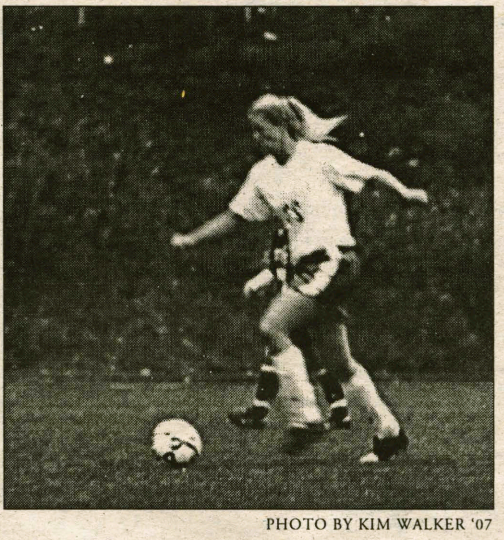
After two scoreless halves and twenty minutes of overtime play, the game was decided in a shootout. Janelle Bradley '07 and Martha Ollett '07 scored Hamilton's goals, but a few great strikes by William Smith players carried them to victory.

Both teams converted on the first shots, but the goaltenders stepped up after that. The teams held at 1-1 through three shooters. Hamilton took a 2-1 on Ollett's goal, but William Smith converted on its final two shots and got a big save from Dudley to take the victory.

Hamilton entered the playoffs riding a five game winning streak, the last victory coming over Manhattanville College (6-11-1) on November 2. Hamilton dominated the game putting seventeen of 34 shots on net, winning 4-0.

The goals came in pairs against Manhattanville, as Hamilton scored the first goal of the game in the seventh minute. Roberts converted on a goal with help from Eileen Fisher '07, who picked up the assist. Just 34 second later Mara Dropkin-Frank '05 scored off an assist from Ollett to make it 2-0 Hamilton.

Hamilton then increase defense for the remainder of the game, holding Manhattanville to two shots on net, both of which Munoz saved on route to her eighth shutout of the season. Munoz added an assist in the 81st minute, setting up Fisher on a long pass. Nine minutes later, Hamilton's final goal of the year came by Anna Arnold '04, assisted by Tessa Teichert-Stein '07.



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The Continentals struggled to finish off plays in their playoff loss.

For Hamilton, the season ended on a disappointing note, but the Continentals have no reason to hang their heads. The team ended the season with a 9-3-3 record. It is the first time the team has won nine regular season games since 1986.

In sixteen games, Hamilton surrendered only ten goals, a number that helped Munoz earn the UCAA Player of the Year award, in addition to being named to the UCAA First Team. Munoz would be the first to point out that the team in front of her deserved as much of the credit as she did, holding opponents to limited scoring opportunities in every game.

Arnold garnered UCAA First Team honors, and Fisher made UCAA Second team. Fisher led the team with eighteen points, followed by Dropkin-Frank who had seventeen points and a team-leading seven goals. Head coach Colette Gilligan and her assistants Patty Kloidt and Mario Reyes won UCAA Coaching Staff of the Year. In two years under Gilligan, Hamilton has recorded a 16-8-5 record and qualified for the UCAA Playoffs each year. The Continentals outscored opponents 26-10 for the season.

Men's soccer falls to Hobart in conference semi's

Hobart avenges its early season loss to the Continentals with a 1-0 victory

by Will Hoffman '07
SPORTS WRITER

When the Hamilton men's soccer team fell behind early in the conference semifinal game against Hobart, they didn't panic. After all, it was a situation they had become accustomed to throughout the year. In seven of the fifteen games during the season, the Continentals gave up the first goal. They came back from behind and ended up winning or tying four of those games, including rallying from a 1-0 deficit to Hobart and winning 2-1 on Oct. 4.

Unlike that earlier game against Hobart, however, the Continentals couldn't pull off another comeback and lost to Hobart in the semifinals 1-0, failing to reach the NCAA tournament despite starting the season 7-0 and being ranked for most of the season.

"We fell behind so many times during the season that it didn't really faze us," said Captain and first team all UCAA selection Mike Galante '04. "We had some good chances; we just didn't finish them. Usually we bury them, but this game we didn't, and that's what ended up killing us."

The Continentals gave up a goal just 9 minutes 40 seconds into the game on a bad break. Hobart's Ricky Klotz took a difficult angled shot that deflected off fullback Craig Li '04 into the goal. Dimitry Maurice '04 had a breakaway opportunity in the opening minutes that was stopped on a nice save by Statesmen goalie Carl Fried, who finished with five saves, including another tremendous save after Maurice fought through three defenders and unleashed a shot in the box. The early goal proved to be the deciding one, despite several good scoring chances for Hamilton.

"When good teams go at it, the team who catches the break is going to win," said Coach Perry Nizzi. "We caught some breaks early on in the year to be 7-0, but starting in the loss to St. Lawrence with the horrible call on Wes's (Sherman) breakaway we weren't getting the breaks anymore."

Hobart, the No. 3 seeded team, went on to face No. 1 St. Lawrence in the finals and lost 1-0 in double overtime.

The No. 2 seed in the conference playoffs, Hamilton finished the season with an overall record of 11-3-1. The Continentals have now won ten or more games four consecutive years, but failed to return to the NCAA Tournament for the third straight season after making it in 2000.

The Continentals were ranked for much of the season after a hot start allowed them to go 7-0. The highest they reached was No. 11 in the nation in the poll released on Oct. 13.

"We did what we had wanted to do all year, which was to make the conference tournament," said Galante. "But after starting 7-0, everyone just started gunning for us."

In the final eight games of the season, the Continentals went 4-3-1, but the losses were to very strong teams, with possible exception of RIT. But when asked whether the team played with less intensity towards the end of the season, Nizzi said, "I think we played as well if not better at the end of the year. The only thing that was happening was that we were catching some tough breaks, and we played some tough teams."

Four Hamilton players were selected to the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association First or Second Teams. Midfielder Mike Galante was the lone First Team representative for the Continentals. He made the UCAA Second Team as a junior last season and recorded a goal and three assists this year. Forwards Dimitry Maurice and Wes Sherman '04 and back Craig Li '04 were all named to the All-Conference Second Team. Maurice led the Continentals with eight goals and eighteen points in fourteen games played. Sherman scored four goals and added three assists in fourteen games as well; Li had one assist but helped lead a defense that allowed just fifteen goals in 2003.

"The team's will to win, spirit, and dedication was the reason we won all those games," said Nizzi. "The seniors on this team just knew how to win."

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Citrus Bowl will be renamed Orange Bowl

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safety of both coaches and players.

Grady points out a recent incident in which an opposing team's player had to sit out after getting citrus in his eye. In addition, he says, "A coach from St. Anselm who is already blind in one eye had an orange come within a foot of him. Now I know the kid who threw it didn't mean to hurt anyone, but that could have been very serious."

Viscomi agreed that the athletic department is especially concerned about the safety of the coaches, who do not have equipment to shield themselves.

The clean-up of the oranges also presents a safety problem. Grady pointed to three national incidents in recent years in which hockey players were paralyzed during on ice accidents. "It's easy to get a seed left on the ice, then someone goes into the boards, and there's a major injury," he said.

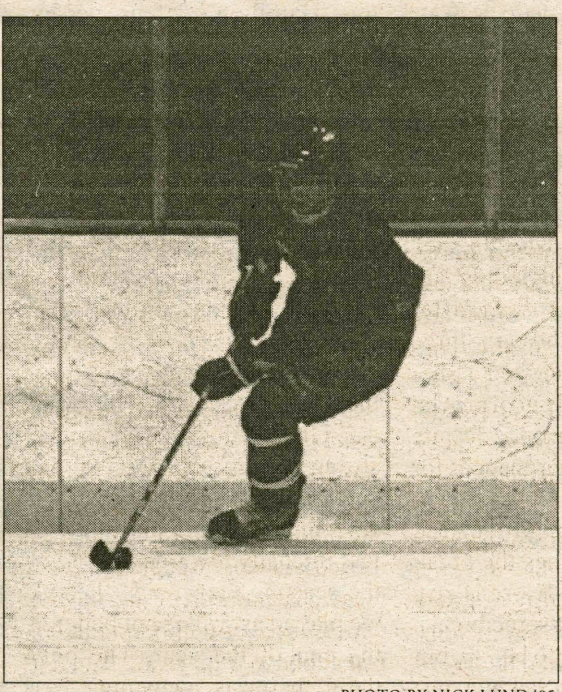
Although players on the team recognize the safety problems, they still wish that the tradition could continue. Corey explained, "Most of the team isn't that concerned about injury. We just don't think about it because we're caught up in the enthusiasm of the moment."

In addition to sportsmanship and safety concerns, referees can assign penalty minutes when fans throw things on the ice. "Usually, if a fan throws something, you get a warning, and the next time you get a penalty," explains Corey. "Last year though, they gave us a warning before the game because they knew it was going to happen. So, the first time someone threw something, it was a penalty." Corey says that the team could handle one penalty because they enjoy the tradition, but last year they received a total of five minor penalties.

Grady said, "Penalty minutes give the other team a power play. We lose the momentum of the goal when it should be just the opposite." Grady also noted that, on a number of occasions, entry into the playoffs has come down to the last game of the season, making the outcome of every game crucial, and making the added penalty minutes especially problematic.

In place of throwing oranges, each of the class years will sponsor a give-away to keep people excited about coming to the game. The Class of 2004 ordered 700 t-shirts with an Orange Bowl design, which will be given away to the first 700 people who come to the game without oranges, said class president Jess Weaver. The class is also sponsoring a happy hour in the Little Pub from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the day of the game.

"I'm really enthusiastic about this year's game. I'd really like to see the whole stadium covered in orange," said Weaver.



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Hamilton is hoping to avoid injuries and penalties by not allowing oranges to be thrown.

The Class of 2006 also plans on handing out 250 inflatable hockey sticks to students who come to the game without oranges, said class president Alex Kaufman. Although he expressed disappointment that students could no longer throw oranges on the ice, Kaufman recognizes the problems with the tradition.

"I don't think we're keeping the same spirit of the event by handing out sticks instead, but some traditions just have to change," he said. "Besides, if someone doesn't come to the game because they can't throw an orange, then they're not a real fan."

The Class of 2007, says class president Hilary Gamble, ordered orange beach balls for people to "knock around" in the crowd. "We're hoping that people are more interested in the beach balls than in throwing oranges," she said.

Liz Dolan, president of the Class of 2005, said that she and the other officers from her class will help by being peer enforcers outside the rink. "We really don't want people to be in a situation where they won't be let into the game," she said.

In addition to the new giveaways aimed at curbing the number of oranges that get thrown on the ice, the athletic department installed nets in the rink last year after a student was hit by a puck and injured. The nets are up for general safety, said Thompson.

Some of the hockey team members wish that the tradition of throwing things on the ice could be preserved. Corey suggested that Student Assembly buy orange ping pong balls for students, so that students could still throw something without creating a safety hazard; however, this idea was not approved.

Most of the players are not sure what to expect for turnout to this year's game, as well as for Orange Bowl games in future years. "Right now, no one knows what to expect. If they really eliminate the throwing, then I think people will be excited for the first game of the season, just like they're excited for the start of any other sports season, but I don't think everyone will come," said Corey.

Player Dave Racine '04 agrees that the attendance in future years will depend on how this year's game turns out: "I think this year is really the turning point. People will still come this year, and if the changes work, and they have a lot of fun, then they'll come next year, too. But if not, then the tradition will probably die out."

Football beats Bates in season finale, 16-7

Hamilton's resiliency on defense and timely offensive scores leads to an impressive victory

by Andrew DeCastro '05
SPORTS WRITER

The men's football team ended the season positively, beating Bates, 16-7. Timely offensive plays combined with a phenomenal defensive effort enabled the Conts to upset the underrated Bobcats. Even though Bates dominated the time of possession, they were unable to capitalize on any plays because Hamilton's D had its best performance of the season. Following a defensive stop, Hamilton's offense kept the momentum going by plugging it in the end zone.

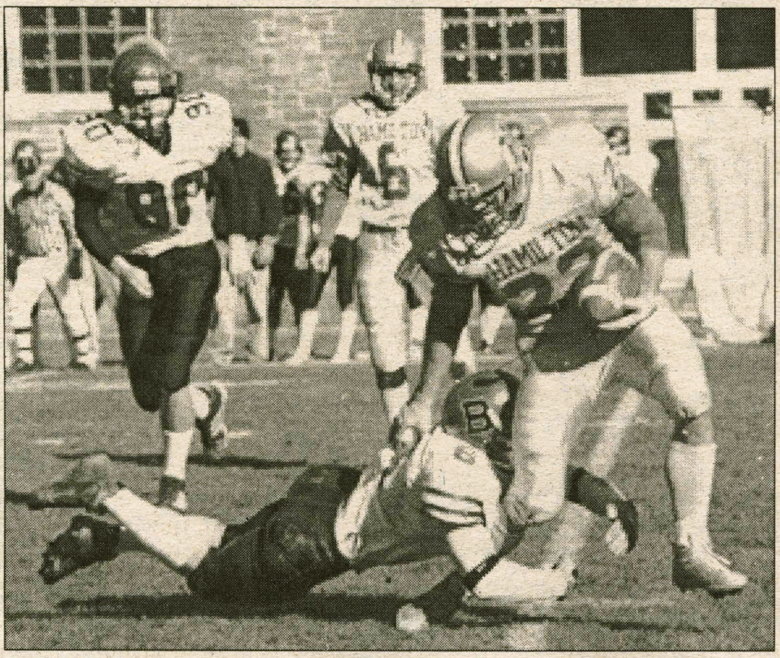
Brandon Holtslag '06 threw for 202 yards and two touchdowns, a season high in passing yards. Tom Tidgewell '07 had a touchdown reception and not only did Kevin Conole '04 have his first career touchdown catch, but he put the game away and took away any hope that Bates may have had.

Coach Alvanos had some comments about Holtslag's performance:

"I think he had his best protection all year and we held on to the ball. I can't remember, but I think we only had one, maybe two, dropped balls. When he gets in a groove, he's as good a QB as there is in the league."

Holtslag had some comments about the success with the offense:

"The line had a great game pass protecting and stopping the blitz most of the time, and the receivers made the catches when they had to for big gains."



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James Trummer (23) attempts to break a tackle.

Before the performance against Bates, Hamilton's defense was among the last in all categories in NESCAC play. Despite the poor numbers, the Conts' D stepped on the field with intensity and emotion never shown before on Steuben Field. Not only did the Bobcats score only one touchdown, but they were held to 150 yards passing. Mike Murphy '05 led the way with fourteen tackles, two for a loss.

Jesse Koch '07 played well also, having 13 tackles and getting a sack. Jay Rishel '06 added to the defensive effort with two sacks, and Chris Smith '04 also had a sack. Because Bates had a weak kicking game, anytime they were in Continetals territory, it became a four-possession game.

The Continentals always managed to come up with a timely defensive play despite allowing over 200 yards on the ground. Even when Bates was in the red zone, Hamilton's defense, led by the tenacious seniors, came up with the big play.

Stevie "Franchise" Finazzo '05 had some comments about the secondary's tremendous improvement:

"We were able to cover the pass more effectively this week for a variety of reasons. The pass rush this week was real strong. Not only from Harley but from the rest of the guys as well. The backers were getting through their gaps on stunts, especially Petey Rish, who was co-defensive player of the week for the NESCAC. The corners were able to stay on top of their receivers and the outside safeties didn't really have any trouble against their inside receivers. Coach "Death-Stare" Keady was real pleased with the DB's because we were tackling their receivers as soon as they caught the ball, which limited yards after the catch. We finally came together on all aspects of a football game."

Matt Baldwin added to Finazzo's sentiments:

"This week's D was much better than the previous week's. There really wasn't one or two major things that stand out which would lead us to being better. It really was just a complete defensive effort. On the line, we played solid, doing our jobs, allowing the linebackers to run around and make big hits. The DB's really stepped it up and didn't allow big pass plays. Over all, the D as a unit played like a fist, together, for the entire 60 minutes, and that's the key to victory. I think also as a minor factor, the defensive morale was raised a notch when I got in the game and started playing. I had been unable to play for 6 weeks, and when guys saw me running in, they got a lil' fired up and we started playing with our ears pinned back."

Hamilton ends the season in the top half of all offensive categories, as well as improving in defensive and special teams from a year ago. Look for the Continentals to improve even more next year. As long as Hamilton maintains the same coaching staff to promote a stable environment improvements in all areas is inevitable.

Coach Alvanos had some expectations for next year:

"My expectations are always going to be high. The seniors on this football team raised the bar and expectations for our entire program. It will be interesting to see this off-season if our underclassmen can follow in their footsteps."

Coach Alvanos, the entire coaching staff, and the players would like to thank the entire college community for its loyal support throughout the year. The excitement and energy displayed each Saturday was phenomenal.

Citrus Bowl will become a fruitless affair

by Sarah Karalunas '04
EDITOR EMERITUS

The athletic department, with the help of Student Assembly and the class officers, wants to reinvent the tradition of Hamilton's first home men's hockey game, the Citrus Bowl, under a new name, the Orange Bowl. Instead of students bringing oranges to throw onto the ice after the first goal is scored, class officers will hand out orange t-shirts, hockey sticks and beach balls to the fans, and students will be encouraged to cheer on the team in other ways.

No one can quite remember when the Citrus Bowl started as a tradition at Hamilton College. Head hockey coach Phil Grady, who has coached at Hamilton for over 20 years, says that the Citrus Bowl predates his coming to the College. "Our rink used to be one of the coldest in the country. People would go outside into the snow banks to warm up! At that point, it [the first home hockey game] was known as the 'Rage in the Sage,'" said Grady.

Grady says that the coaches, athletic administrators and players are all working with Student Assembly and the class officers to try and maintain the traditional enthusiasm of the crowd, without condoning students throwing things on the ice. "There's no way I want to lose that excitement. I just want it to be channeled in another direction," said Grady. "When the fans are really loud and into the game, it's like having a sixth man on the ice."

The players are worried about losing attendance if fans can no longer throw their oranges. "We, as a team, love that almost half the student body is there cheering us on. We understand the objections, but we just don't want to lose the tradition," said team co-captain Jeff Corey '04.

Grady explains that one of the main concerns is the way that the Citrus Bowl has grown over the years. During "Rage in the Sage," he explains, a small group of loyal fans would come and throw a few oranges on the ice; however, now it is "thousands of oranges," and most of the people who come to the Citrus Bowl do not attend other home hockey games.

Dave Thompson, director of athletics, adds that the intent of the crowd has also changed. "Instead of throwing things at the ice, people are throwing them at the players. We [the athletic department] worry about what the fans are excited about: the onset of the hockey season or pelting the other team," he said.

As the number of oranges and other objects thrown onto the ice has increased, and the fans focus more on hitting the opposing team members than just lobbing a piece of fruit onto the ice, the athletic administrators and coaches have grown increasingly concerned about the integrity of the tradition.

"What students don't think about is that we [the hockey team] are hosts. We invite people to our rink, and then we throw things at them. That's not being a good host," he said. "We'd be offended if it happened in other people's barns."

Thompson agreed: "There's a big concern with sportsmanship. It's just not nice, and people who come in from the outside don't understand the tradition aspect."

Corey says that other teams may actually appreciate the energy in the rink. "If I came to a rink, I'd appreciate the packed-house atmosphere as much as the home team," he said. However, he added, "But I guess I've also never been on the other side."

Sue Viscomi, professor of physical education and member of the Student Athletics Committee (SAC), pointed out that Hamilton sports are subject to conference guidelines and can be sanctioned for unsportsmanlike conduct. If Hamilton does not try to prevent students from throwing things on the ice, they could be sanctioned by the NESCAC, ECAC, and NCAA governing bodies.

The athletic administrators also have concerns about the

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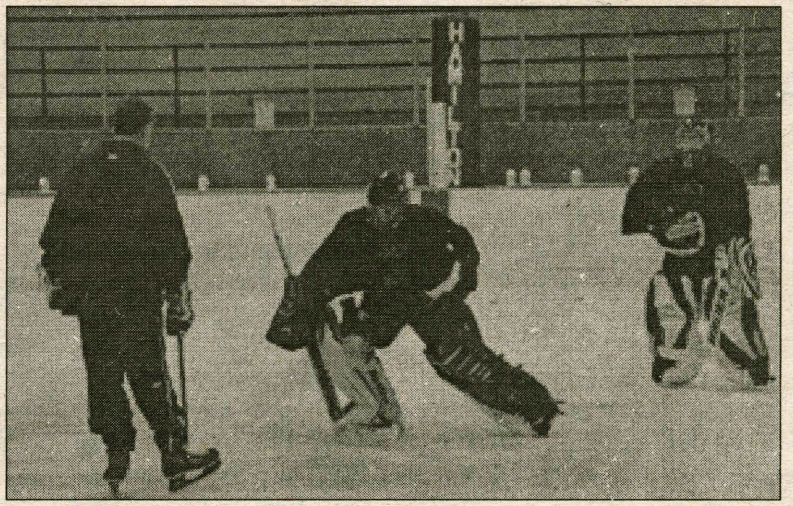

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The goalies will not have to run for cover in the nets after Hamilton's first goal of the season this year.